

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2305

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2305  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize an emergency  
appropriation for the Developmental Disabilities Division of the  
Department of Health to continue to provide ongoing services to  
eligible persons with developmental disabilities who are in the  
Compact of Free Association population.

Pursuant to requirements set forth in Article VII, Section 9,  
of the Hawaii State Constitution, the Governor, in Governor's  
Message No. 187 to the Legislature, requested immediate  
consideration and passage of this bill by the Legislature to  
appropriate emergency funds of \$500,000 in general funds needed  
for the Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities  
Division.

The Department of Health, State Council on Developmental  
Disabilities, Community Alliance for Mental Health, Family Voices  
of Hawaii, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and an individual  
testified in support of this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should the House Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests its consideration of an appropriation amount of \$500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2305, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2305, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



