

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 872

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 872
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE NURSING FACILITY
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency
appropriation of \$12,000,000 out of the nursing facility
sustainability program special fund for fiscal year 2012-2013 to
be used for purposes authorized by the nursing facility
sustainability program special fund, including reimbursement of
moneys advanced from the health care payments program.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Department of Human Services and the Healthcare Association of
Hawaii.

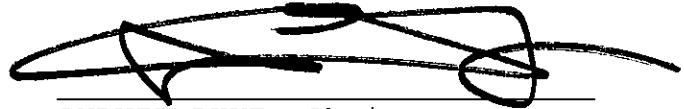
Your Committee finds that the nursing facility sustainability
program special fund was established by Act 156, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2012, to help fund increasing health care costs for
Medicaid enrollees in private nursing facilities. However,
because of a technical omission, moneys in the special fund could
not be expended as intended. Instead, moneys from the health care
payments program were used to make supplemental payments to
nursing facilities so that payments would not be delayed.
Accordingly, your Committee finds that this emergency
appropriation is necessary to reimburse the moneys advanced from



the health care payments program and to continue to make timely supplemental payments to nursing facilities from the nursing facility sustainability program special fund for the rest of the fiscal year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 872 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



