

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

879

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2013

RE: H.B. No. 872

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, 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 and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2012-2013 out of the nursing facility sustainability program special fund to be used in accordance with the authorized purposes of the nursing facility sustainability program special fund, including the reimbursement of monies advanced for those purposes in fiscal year 2012-2013 from the health care payments program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Long Term Care Association, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Pearl City Nursing Home.

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, monies in the special fund could not be expended as intended. Instead, monies 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 monies 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 Human Services 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 Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 872	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 3/11/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	/			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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