

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1102

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 S.B. No. 1102 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation of \$43,000,000 for fiscal year 2012-2013 out of the hospital sustainability program special fund to be used in accordance with the purposes of the hospital sustainability program special fund, including the reimbursement of monies advanced 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.

Your Committee finds that the hospital sustainability program was established through Act 217, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. The program allows the Department of Human Services to assess fees on hospitals and utilize the monies received to draw down federal dollars for supplemental payments to hospitals in order to help offset their uncompensated care.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Human Services has used monies out of Medicaid's health care payments program to make the supplemental payments so that payments to the private hospitals would not be delayed. Without the authorization

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to expend monies out of the hospital sustainability program special fund, the Department Human Services will not be able to continue making supplemental payments to hospitals and will face a shortfall for the monies it advanced in good faith and in the spirit of the intent of Act 217, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

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 S.B. No. 1102 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, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1102	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/5/13		
<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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*Only one measure per Record of Votes