

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 379  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 379  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCING FOR A NEW HOSPITAL  
IN NORTH KONA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist with the financing  
of a new hospital facility for the West Hawaii community by  
authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for that  
purpose and allocating a portion of the Transient Accommodations  
Tax to offset costs related to the bond issuance, including  
interest and debt service.

The West Hawaii Regional Board Strategic Planning Committee  
and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation testified in support of the  
intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and  
Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to  
encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,  
consistency, and style.



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. 379, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 379, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Tourism.

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

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