

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 29, 2016

RE: H.R. No. 73
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 73
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AND EMERGENT
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable Wahiawa General
Hospital (WGH) to provide uninterrupted medical services to nearby
and other communities within the State by requesting:

- (1) The Governor to provide financial assistance to WGH in a
sufficient amount to enable it to operate while
developing a new business model, including potential
discussions with other hospitals and organizations; and
- (2) The Legislature to provide sufficient funds to WGH while
WGH, the WGH Board, and interested parties seek
potential affiliation with a larger business partner to
create a more effective integration of clinical and non-
clinical services and a more efficient business model.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; University of Hawaii
John A. Burns School of Medicine; Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
Neighborhood Board No. 26; North Shore Chamber of Commerce;
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District
Council 50; Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians; Wahiawa Community
and Business Association; International Brotherhood of Electrical



Workers Local Union 1260; The Wahiawa Center for Community Health; The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO; American Medical Response; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Pacific Resource Partnership; WGH; Senior Behavioral Health; ILWU Local 142; ALEA Bridge; and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.

Upon careful consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Governor to convene meetings with the Director of Health, Director of Human Services, Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and the Administrator of the State Health Planning and Development Agency, or their respective designees, to identify opportunities to assist WGH in continuing its operations;
- (2) Requesting Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to support WGH in providing a continuum of care in the State by seeking resources to support WGH, including resources for rural healthcare facilities and distressed communities;
- (3) Including Hawaii Medical Service Association, Tripler Army Medical Center, and the United States Army as participants in discussions regarding developing a new business model for WGH; and
- (4) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 73, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 73, H.D. 1.



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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HSR1434-16

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 73	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date: 3/23/2014		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo				✓
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
TOTAL (9)	8			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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