

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2182

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2064

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2064 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to restore staff and long-term care services at Leahi and Maluhia hospitals within the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Oahu Region; United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646; and nineteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Leahi and Maluhia hospitals, two state-run long-term care facilities within the Oahu Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, have served for many years as a safety net for working class families. Both hospitals serve the highest number of individuals on Medicare and Medicaid, while reimbursements for care provided continue to decline. It is nearly impossible for Leahi and Maluhia hospitals to recover the actual costs of providing quality care without the support of government funding, as the current cost of care per person is \$400 per day and the reimbursement per person is \$200 per day.

Your Committee further finds that Leahi and Maluhia hospitals were forced to cut sixty-four staff positions and temporarily halt new admissions to remain operational due to an estimated \$3,700,000 deficit in fiscal year 2016. Furthermore, some

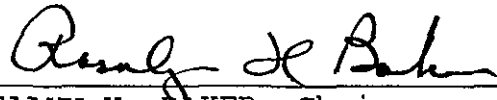
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residents experienced displacement to other facilities because of reduced services and a loss of seventy-six resident beds. It is critical to restore these staff positions and long-term care services for Hawaii's working class families in order to provide quality care for the State's kupuna population.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2064 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2064	CPH, WAM	2-9-16		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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