

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 22, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2213
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2213, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSING FACILITY
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Continue the Nursing Facility Sustainability Program for an additional year; and
- (2) Appropriate \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017 from the Nursing Facility Sustainability Program Special Fund for uses consistent with the Fund.

The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors, East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, The Queen's Health Systems, The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hale Makua Health Services, and Hawaii Primary Care Association testified in support of this measure.

Your Committees note that this measure will help sustain nursing facilities statewide to enable continued access to needed services by residents of our State.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2213, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



