

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1062-16

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 17, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2539  
S.D. 1  
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 S.B. No. 2539, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ACTION TEAM FOR THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a special action team for the Hawaii State Hospital, to:

- (1) Assist and advise the Department of Health in addressing capacity and census issues at the Hawaii State Hospital; and
- (2) Expedite the development there of a new forensic facility ready for occupancy by June 30, 2019.

The Department of Health; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the appropriation an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2012, to facilitate further discussion; and

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- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$50,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the administration and operation of the special action team for the Hawaii State Hospital.

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 S.B. No. 2539, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2539, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



