

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2540  
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. 2540  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the immediate need for development or expansion of a forensic facility at the Hawaii State Hospital by authorizing the Governor, with the assistance of the Director of Health, to directly negotiate with any person for the development or expansion of a Department of Health forensic facility, not subject to the restrictions inherent in the State Procurement Code. This measure provides for additional public scrutiny through an extended review and comment period for any required environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

The Department of Health testified in support of this measure. The State Procurement Office and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to facilitate further discussion.



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. 2540, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2540, 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



