

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 751

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 262  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 262, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue the nursing facility sustainability program by extending the program's sunset date to June 30, 2016, and appropriating funds from the nursing facility sustainability program special fund.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Primary Care Association, The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and The Queen's Health Systems.

Your Committee finds that most residents in Hawaii's nursing facilities are Medicaid enrollees. However, Medicaid payments to nursing facilities were previously not sufficient to cover the actual costs of providing care to these residents. The Legislature sought to address this situation when it created the nursing facility sustainability program to increase Medicaid payments to nursing facilities.

Your Committee further finds that it is necessary to extend the nursing facility sustainability program to ensure that nursing



facility residents who benefit from the program continue to have access to quality care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical nonsubstantive amendment to clarify language in section 2 of the Act regarding the repeal and reenactment of section 36-30(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 262, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 262, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



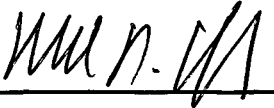
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB262 SD1	HSH, WAM	3/2/15		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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