

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2015

RE: S.B. No. 576
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 576
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds as a grant to the Bay Clinic, Inc., for a mobile health unit to service the Puna district due to the threat of inaccessibility from the lava flow.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i; Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc.; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Bay Clinic, Inc.; United Public Workers, Local 646; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that about 8,200 Puna residents are living on the south side of the June 27, 2014 lava flow and will be cut off from the rest of the Puna district when the lava crosses Highway 130. Although Bay Clinic, Inc., will continue operations out of its two Pahoehoe-based health centers, certain services, such as dental care, will not be readily available without a mobile health unit capable of such services. In light of this natural disaster, the availability of a mobile health unit is the most economical option to ensuring access to comprehensive primary medical care and dental care.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the contents of S.B. No. 580, Regular Session of 2015, which appropriates funds to the Puna Community Medical Center for a mobile health unit and an annex medical clinic to service South Pahoia due to the threat of inaccessibility from the lava flow; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 576, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 576, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 576	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2/4/15		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
GABBARD, Mike	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes