

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 782
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 782 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the cardiac care at Kona Community Hospital by appropriating funds to construct a hybrid catherization lab and operating room and to provide stipends for two on-call or visiting cardiologists.

The Mayor of the County of Maui and a few concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the funds may be used to construct a hybrid catherization lab and operating room, and may be used to provide stipends for cardiology staff positions;
- (2) Blanking out the amounts providing for the construction of a hybrid catheterization lab and operating room as well as the annual stipends of two on-call or visiting cardiologists;



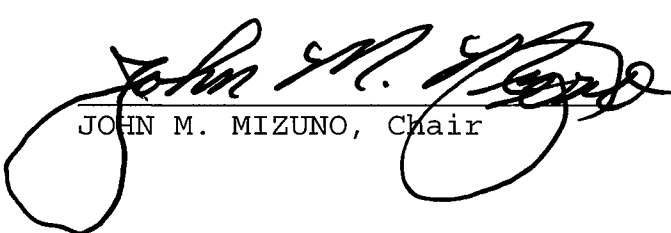
- (3) Inserting language from H.B. No. 2663 with a change to permit, rather than require, the Department of Health to hire physicians to serve as district health officers;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance consider this measure, your Committee requests that the appropriation provide for:

- (1) \$2,000,000 to be used to construct a hybrid catheterization lab and operating room; and
- (2) \$100,000 per year to be used to provide stipends of on-call or visiting cardiologists at Kona community hospital.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 782, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 782, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



