

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

299

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1238

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 1238 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PATIENT NAVIGATION
PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and
make an appropriation for a two-year temporary patient navigation
program based at Moloka'i General Hospital for patients with
chronic disease in medically underserved rural communities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Molokai General Hospital, The
Queen's Health Systems, 'Ahahui o nā Kauka (Association of Native
Hawaiian Physicians), Hawai'i Public Health Institute, 'Imi Hale
Native Hawaiian Cancer Network, and two individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that it is important that Hawaii
residents living in rural communities such as the Island of
Moloka'i have access to timely medical care. Your Committee
further finds that the State is committed to providing quality
healthcare services to Native Hawaiians, and recognizes that
Native Hawaiians have higher morbidity and mortality rates for
diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer.



Your Committee additionally finds that patient navigation utilizes evidence-based practices in cancer and other chronic disease care that assist patients through complex healthcare systems to ensure timely diagnosis and treatment and address potential barriers to care. Moloka'i General Hospital began using patient navigation services in 2006 and has demonstrated increases in cancer screening rates and effective care coordination for cancer patients who are referred off-island to cancer treatment care. Your Committee finds that Moloka'i General Hospital is a rural healthcare facility that understands the value of coordinated care for patients in need of specialty services and the unique challenges of accessing care in an island state.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

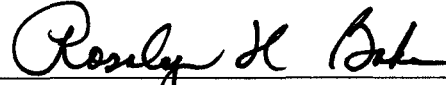
- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount;
- (2) Inserting language to appropriate the funds as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Moloka'i General Hospital for the patient navigation program; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes that although the appropriation amount has been removed, the recommended appropriation for the two-year temporary patient navigation program based at Moloka'i General Hospital is \$200,000 per fiscal year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1238, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1238, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB 1238	CPH, WAM	2/13/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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