

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1270
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1270, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to preserve access to health care for Medicaid recipients.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Extends the hospital sustainability program for two years;
- (2) Amends exemptions from the hospital sustainability fee;
- (3) Increases the allowable aggregate fees charged to a hospital from 3.5 percent to 4.0 percent; and
- (4) Appropriates funds out of the hospital sustainability program special fund for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Healthcare



Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific Health, The Queen's Health Systems, Kaiser Permanente, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that the hospital sustainability program has helped acute care facilities treat the most vulnerable patients in the State since its inception in 2012. Your Committee further finds that the program has helped to ensure that patients, especially those with low incomes, are able to access quality, affordable care.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making corrections to the quoted text of section 5 of Act 217, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, as amended by Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, as amended by Act 123, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, as amended by Act 70, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, as amended by Act 60, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, as amended by Act 59, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, in the measure to accurately reflect the printed version of the session law; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to:
 - (A) July 1, 2050, for sections 7 and 8; and
 - (B) June 29, 2050, for the remainder of the measure,to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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 H.B. No. 1270, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1270, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.



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



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB1270 HDI SDI</i>	<i>HMS/CPH, WAM</i>	<i>4/3/19</i>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	<i>10</i>			<i>3</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>A.C. Keith-Agara</i>				
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