

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 275

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 12, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1539  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1539  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS  
CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to dissolve the Oahu regional  
health care system and integrate its functions and personnel into  
the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation board.

The O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the  
Democratic Party of Hawai'i testified in support of this measure.  
The Oahu Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and three  
individuals testified in opposition to this measure. Hawaii  
Health Systems Corporation, East Hawaii Regional Board of the  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Government Employees  
Association AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO, and one individual provided  
comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the  
effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the Oahu Region of the Hawaii  
Health Systems Corporation has expressed concerns that  
consolidation of the region's functions into the Hawaii Health

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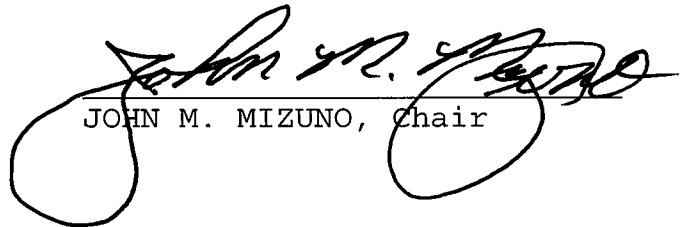


Systems Corporation Board will result in a loss of fair and equitable treatment to the patients and communities currently served by the Oahu Region facilities.

Should your Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee on Health respectfully requests that representatives from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board, the Oahu Region Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and the Hawaii Government Employees Association meet to discuss what potential impacts to staff and patients would occur should this measure move forward, and to provide a report of those impacts to your Committee on Finance.

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 H.B. No. 1539, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



