

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2522
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2522, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the overall continuum of care through the Hawaii Coordinated Access Resource Entry System (CARES), by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health to establish a continuum of stabilization beds statewide by:
 - (A) Repurposing unused state facilities for short-term residential use by non-forensic patients experiencing substance use or mental health conditions; and
 - (B) Assessing and triaging these patients to a clinically appropriate level of care through CARES; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for this purpose.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department, Hawaii Disability Rights



Center, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Psychological Association, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Health, and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2522, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Luke', is written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



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House of Representatives
The THIRTIETH Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2522, HDI	Committee Referral: HCH/HLT, FIN	Date: 2-24-2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	✓			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	✓			
3. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	✓			
4. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
6. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
9. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	✓			
10. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
12. TODD, Chris	✓			
13. WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (15)	14	Ø	Ø	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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