

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1157
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1157
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RELATING TO COVID-19 EXPENDITURES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide
emergency appropriations in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the
Department of Health to continue funding for various coronavirus
disease 2019 (COVID-19) response-related programs and activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health and Hawai'i Primary Care Association.

Your Committee finds that the impact of the SARS-CoV-2 virus
and resulting COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating to Hawaii's
economy. Your Committee further finds that the funds from the
federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES
Act), Public Law 116-136, which provided federal funds to support
the State's COVID-19 relief efforts, have expired. This measure
makes appropriations to continue funding critical COVID-19
response programs and activities for the remainder of fiscal year
2020-2021.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 1157, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1157, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



