

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3364

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 24 2022**

RE: H.B. No. 1638  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1638, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A KONA HOSPITAL SITE ASSESSMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to conduct a site assessment to identify and evaluate viable locations for a new hospital site in North Kona on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kona Community Hospital; Office of the Mayor, County of Hawai'i; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the West Hawaii community faces challenges in accessing medical services and needs a new medical facility. The Kona Community Hospital's current facility is nearly fifty years old. The hospital's aging infrastructure has major deficiencies, with many critical systems in urgent need of repair and renovation. Additionally, the Kona Community Hospital is in South Kona, while the population boom has occurred in North Kona. This measure appropriates funds for a site assessment to



identify and evaluate viable locations for a new hospital in North Kona.

Your Committee acknowledges the testimony of the Kona Community Hospital, which requests an amendment requiring that a hospital needs assessment be performed before the hospital site assessment. Your Committee also notes the Kona Community Hospital's testimony that an appropriation of \$500,000 is sufficient to cover both the hospital needs and site assessment.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring that the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation perform a hospital needs assessment before performing the site assessment;
- (2) Requiring the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to submit a report of its findings and recommendations of the hospital needs assessment, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2023;
- (3) Appropriating funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for the hospital needs assessment;
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose.

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. 1638, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1638, H.D. 2, 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,



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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
  Hold 2310    
  Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	1

Recommendation:  Adopted                       Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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