

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 534 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2394
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2394, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID PATIENT CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to provide one-time enhanced payments to any facility licensed by Medicare that provides skilled nursing or intermediate care to Medicaid patients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, East Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Palolo Chinese Home, The Villas, Garden Isle Rehab & Nursing, Legacy Hilo Rehab & Nursing, Hale Mauka Health Services, Pu'uwai 'O Makaha, Ann Pearl Rehab & Nursing, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Aloha Nursing Rehab Centre, Ohana Pacific Health, The Queen's Health Systems, Hale Kūpuna Heritage Home, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that nursing facilities have lost roughly fifteen percent of their entire workforce during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and there has been no recovery

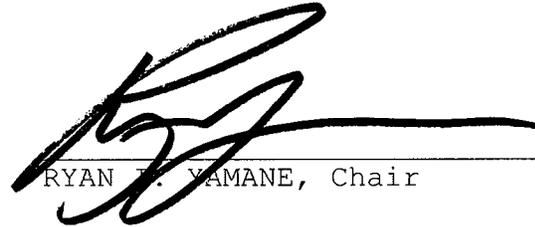
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of positions over the past two years. While physician offices and outpatient settings are experiencing an increase in employment, nursing homes are experiencing a loss of hundreds of thousands of positions. This measure is intended to assist licensed facilities that provide skilled nursing or intermediate care to Medicaid patients by providing a one-time enhanced payment to each facility, thereby ensuring quality services for the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2394, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health, Human
Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN T. YAMANE, Chair



