

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 279

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1138
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. 1138
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE
ASSURANCE SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the
annual expenditure ceiling of the Office of Healthcare Assurance
Special Fund to meet expanding program needs and diminish
dependence on the general fund.

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 coronavirus disease 2019
pandemic has had deleterious effects on the State's economy. This
measure increases the spending limit of the Office of Healthcare
Assurance Special Fund thereby reducing reliance on the general
funds of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Prohibiting not more than an unspecified dollar amount
of the special fund to be used by the Office of Health
Care Assurance during any fiscal year;



- (2) Requiring any amount in the special fund over an unspecified dollar amount on June 30 of each year to be deposited into the general fund;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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. 1138, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1138, 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,

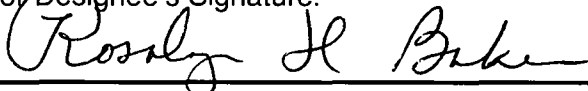


JARRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1138	HTH, WAM	2-10-2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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