

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2679

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3128
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3128 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACT 212, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2021,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the requirement to transfer the Oahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu Region.

Your Committee finds that Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 212), mandated the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health, to assist with addressing the gap in the behavioral health care system between acute psychiatric care facilities and low acuity residential treatment. However, the planned transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System was estimated at \$10.3 million, with an annual post-transition cost of \$5 million, creating a high cost to complete the transition and maintain operations with no additional services. Therefore, this measure provides an alternative plan to addressing the goals of



Act 212 while ensuring continuity of services for patients utilizing services at the Oahu Regional Health Care System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to repeal part II, which contains language that would have gone into effect on December 31, 2025, regarding the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System to the Department of Health;
- (2) Inserting language to require the Oahu Regional Health Care System and the Department of Health to enter into an agreement regarding Oahu Regional Health Care System taking care of low acuity patients in the Department of Health's custody by the end of 2024;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 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 and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3128, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3128, 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 and Human
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3128	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2/14/24		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes