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RE: H.B. No. 1179  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1179, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a statutory framework for the licensure of rural emergency hospitals at the state level by the Department of Health; and
- (2) Provide for the continuation of Medicaid policy protections for hospitals transitioning to a rural emergency hospital designation.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting language relating to Medicaid payments to rural emergency hospitals, including payment for telehealth services and payments made out of state matching funds as part of the federal Medical Rural Hospital Flexibility Program;
- (2) Changing its effective date to upon approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1179, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1179, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

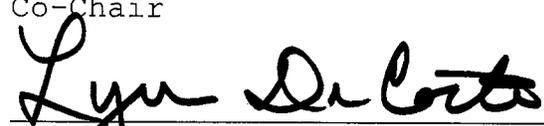
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.

Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A., Chr.	✓				TAKAYAMA, Gregg, Co-Chr.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett, Co-Chr.	✓				CHUN, Cory M., Co-Chr.	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn, Co-Chr.	✓				KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L., Co-Chr.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓	MIYAKE, Tyson K.	✓			
					ALCOS III, David	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

A = Aye                      WR = Aye with Reservations                      N = Nay                      E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 
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