

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

956

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1179
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1179, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS,"
begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

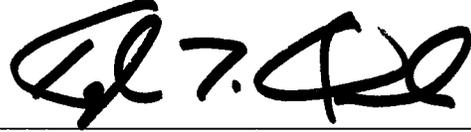
- (1) Provide a statutory framework for the licensure of rural emergency hospitals by the Department of Health; and
- (2) Provide for the continuation of Medicaid policy protections for hospitals transitioning to a rural emergency hospital designation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Maui Health System; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1179, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



