

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 407 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2758  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2758  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the strength of  
Hawaii's health care safety net by requiring the Department of  
Taxation (DOTAX) to defer general excise tax (GET) collection for  
the Hawaii Medical Center for hospital operations between July 1,  
2008, and an unspecified date.

The Hawaii Medical Center and several concerned individuals  
supported this bill. DOTAX submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing references to Hawaii Medical Center;
- (2) Clarifying that the GET exemption will be for any  
private hospital group in a county with a population  
greater than 500,000 with an annual patient population  
that consists of 60 percent or more of uninsured,  
Medicaid, and Medicare patients; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity,  
consistency, and style.

HB2758 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2008-1739



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 H.B. No. 2758, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2758, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

*Josh Green M.D.*  
JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HCCR 407-08

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2758	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-4-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	/			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III				✓
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
7. RHOADS, Karl		✓		
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	/			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	8	1		1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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