

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1214

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2007

RE: H.B. No. 223
H.D. 3
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 223, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the provision of quality health care services and the sustainability of Hawaii's medical services system.

Specifically, this measure establishes the Health Care Reinvestment Fund and the Health Insurance Support Special Fund to subsidize the costs of health care services. Specific proportions of the Health Care Reinvestment Fund are directed to the Trauma System Special Fund, subsidies for medical malpractice insurance, aeromedical evacuation services, rural emergency facilities, and workforce development for medically underserved areas of the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Budget and Finance, and Hawaii Medical Association.



Your Committees find that Hawaii's trauma system, statewide aeromedical evacuation programs, and rural hospitals are essential components of the statewide emergency medical services system and are vulnerable to deterioration due to the limited funding support currently available to sustain them.


Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by including an appropriation from the general revenues to the Health Care Reinvestment Special Fund.

Your Committees have further amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 223, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 223, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Affordable Housing,

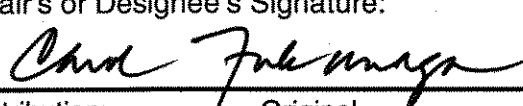

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Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 223 HD3	Committee Referral: HTH/CPH, WAM	Date: 3/20/07		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3			2
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

