STAND. COM. REP. NO. 347 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2187 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2187 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the rural areas of Oahu are provided rapid emergency medical transport services by appropriating funds to the Department of Health (DOH) to contract with a government agency or a United States military branch to provide intra-island only roto-wing aeromedical services for rural Oahu.

The Queen's Medical Center, Hawaii National Guard Association and Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association, Hawaii Air Ambulance, Inc., Pacific Medical Assets, Inc., and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The City and County of Honolulu (C&C) supported the intent of this measure. DOH opposed this bill.

Intra-island only roto-wing aeromedical services for rural Oahu is an invaluable service to ensure that necessary trauma care is reached quickly and efficiently for those who live in distant areas from an appropriately equipped trauma center.

Your Committee also recognizes the problems on the Neighbor Islands where reaching appropriate trauma care can be even more difficult. For example, Kauai is in need of roto-wing aeromedical services to supplement its fixed-wing transport system. Taking this broader perspective, the need to expand these services to the Neighbor Islands should be closely examined.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing one additional ground emergency medical services ambulance until the specified intra-island only roto-wing aeromedical services are secured to ensure maximum emergency transport coverage;
- (2) Directing that C&C share in the cost of this program; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2187, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2187, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

HB 2187	Date:	02/09/06		
Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit			
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)				
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)				
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
4. HALE, Heléne H.	Electrical at Paul Turky strain			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	<u> </u>			
6. SONSON, Alex M. 7. HALFORD, Chris		no salese suere consessant estable	es e Selver dere dan direk sa delangungan	The period of the second s
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,	mittee acronyn	did not suppo	ort recommendation	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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