STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1241

Honolulu, Hawaii

Morch 16, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1804 S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 1804, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM SPECIAL FUND,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish additional funding resources for the trauma system special fund to ensure the continued viability of trauma centers in the State.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes surcharges for traffic violations, violations that result in accidents involving death or bodily injury, and other various criminal convictions related to violence and drug use;
- (2) Clarifies that the trauma system special fund consists of, but is not limited to, trauma system surcharges and cigarette tax revenues;
- (3) Requires the Department of Health to establish a methodology to calculate costs incurred by hospitals providing care to trauma patients based on physician on-call coverage, equipment, and the creation of overflow capacity; and

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(4) Makes appropriations to and out of the trauma system special fund.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Queen's Medical Center. The Department of Health submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committees find that trauma care is a public health priority. A statewide trauma system that is publicly supported can reduce death and disability from injuries and improve the health and welfare of Hawaii residents. Your Committees further find that the financial pressure on hospitals that provide trauma services, often without compensation, is exacerbated by the high cost of providing care to trauma patients, who are often in critical condition and require extensive support. Accordingly, your Committees find that increasing the sources of revenue for the trauma system special fund is necessary to ensure the viability of the State's trauma system.

Your Committees, however, believe that a report from the Auditor, pursuant to section 23-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may be necessary before further action can be taken on this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1804, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health and Transportation,

OSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: 5B 1804 SD 2	Date:	3 - 13	-07	-		
Committee Referral: LLT/TRN, JUD FIN		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments					
☐ Hold	Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration					
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused		
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)						
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	V					
3. BELATTI, Della Au						
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	V					
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				~		
6. RHOADS, Karl	V					
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	· V					
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	V					
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V					
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani	V					
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.						
TOTAL	10					
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, C	ommittee acronym(ort recommendation			
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1804 SD 2	Date:	Date: MARCH 13, 2007					
Committee Referral: HLT/TRN, JUD, FIN		☐ The committee is reconsidering its					
		previous decision on the measure.					
		Pass, with amendments					
☐ Hold		Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration					
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)							
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)							
3. EVANS, Cindy							
4. HAR, Sharon E.							
5. LEE, Marilyn B.							
6. LUKE, Sylvia							
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.							
8. NAKASONE, Bob							
9. SONSON, Alex M.							
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.							
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.							
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose							
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos							
TOTAL	7	2		4			
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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