

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1454

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1454 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to rename the Hospital and Medical Facilities Special Fund to the Office of Health Care Assurances Special Fund (Fund) to reflect the current name of the Office of Health Care Assurances (OHCA).

In addition, this measure requires that all moneys collected by the OHCA in the form of fees and fines be deposited into the Fund and allows the moneys deposited to be used to offset the OHCA's operational expenses.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to re-name the Hospital and Medical Facilities Special Fund to reflect the change in the office's name to the Office of Health Care Assurance in 1998. Your Committee further finds that allowing fees and fines to be deposited into the fund and allowing the moneys to be used for OHCA's operational expenses will allow the OHCA to continue to carry out its functions by offsetting operational costs, in lieu of annual general fund budget requests.

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 S.B. No. 1454 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Health HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee	Referral:	Da	te:	1.0
SB 1454	HIH, WAM			2/14/07	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)			******		
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)		V			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		V			
MENOR, Ron		<i>V</i> ,			
WHALEN, Paul					
TOTAL		5			
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Our Fullmage					
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^{*}Only one measure per Record of Votes