Honolulu, Hawaii

Ebruary 15, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 879 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2013 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 879, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend for one year, until June 30, 2014, the sunset date of the hospital sustainability program.

This measure also makes some adjustments to the program and appropriates funds for the program out of the hospital sustainability program special fund.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and the Queen's Health Systems.

Your Committee finds that the hospital sustainability program leverages available federal funds for the Department of Human Services to make supplemental payments to hospitals to help offset the hospitals' uncompensated care costs, thereby increasing the sustainability of Hawaii's hospitals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Changing the effective date of the measure to July 1, 2030, in order to facilitate continued discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 879, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 879, H.D. 2.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee		I	Date: 7	12/12	
HB 879 HD1 HUT/HUS, FIX 2/13/13						
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold						
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WI	R) Na	ys Exc	used
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)						
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	_					
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)						
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.						
5. HASHEM, Mark J.					<u> </u>	
6. ING, Kaniela						
7. JORDAN, Jo					=	
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand						
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.						
10. MORIKAWA, Dee						
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.						
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg						
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane						
14. WOODSON, Justin H.						
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.						
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth						
17. WARD, Gene						
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TOTAL (17)		17				:
The recommendation is: Not Adopted Not Adopted						
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature						
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