

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 1 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1102

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1102 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation of \$43,000,000 for fiscal year 2012-2013 out of the hospital sustainability program special fund to be used in accordance with the purposes of that fund, including the reimbursement of moneys advanced in fiscal year 2012-2013 from the health care payments program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the North Hawaii Community Hospital.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Hawaii Pacific Health and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee finds that payments to hospitals for care provided to Medicaid enrollees often do not cover the cost of that care. To offset the uncompensated care, the hospital sustainability program, established in 2012, allows the Department of Human Services to assess fees on hospitals and utilize the moneys received to draw down federal dollars for supplemental payments to hospitals. While those fees are being collected, the Department of Human Services, in good faith, has advanced moneys

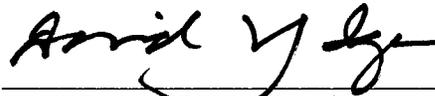


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from the Medicaid health care payments program to avoid delays in payments to private hospitals. This measure authorizes the expenditure of funds from the hospital sustainability program special fund to ensure that the Department of Human Services can continue making supplemental payments to hospitals and avoid a shortfall for the moneys it has already advanced.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1102 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 1102	HMS, WAM	2-14-13
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	/	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
ESPERO, Will	/	
KAHELE, Gilbert	/	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/	
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/	
THIELEN, Laura H.	/	
TOKUDA, Jill N.		✓
SLOM, Sam	/	
TOTAL	12	0
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Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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