STAND. COM. REP. NO. Honolulu, Hawaii , 2015 RE: H.B. No. 1147 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1147 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a 24-hour, oncall, emergency services failsafe program to assist physicians and patients in obtaining the opinion of another physician on highrisk cases, in situations when consultation is warranted, and when a patient, a patient's family member, or hospital patient advocate disagrees with a diagnosis or treatment plan.

A former state senator, former state representative, and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health, The Queen's Health Systems, and Kaiser Permanente Hawaii commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Making the emergency services failsafe program a twoyear pilot program;
- (2) Authorizing the Department of Health to convene a committee to create a forum to facilitate the sharing of best practices and benchmarking data for patient advocacy in the emergency department setting;



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- (3) Requesting the Director of Health to identify no more than two hospitals to participate in the pilot program; provided that at least one of the hospitals must be affiliated with the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation;
- (4) Requiring the Department of Health to submit reports to the Legislature on the implementation of the two-year pilot emergency services failsafe program and on any actions it has taken to convene the committee convened to develop a forum related to patient advocacy;
- (5) Repealing the pilot program on July 1, 2017;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 1147, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1147, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1147	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date:	2/19,	115
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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)				
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2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)				
3. HASHEM, Mark J.				
4. JORDAN, Jo				
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5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
6. MORIKAWA, Dee			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.		<u></u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth				
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9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				
				
TOTAL (9)	- 6			3
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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