STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9

2015

RE: H.B. No. 379 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. 379 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCING FOR A NEW HOSPITAL IN NORTH KONA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist with the financing of a new hospital facility for the West Hawaii community by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for that purpose and allocating a portion of the Transient Accommodations Tax to offset costs related to the bond issuance, including interest and debt service.

The West Hawaii Regional Board Strategic Planning Committee and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 379, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 379, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Tourism.

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

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

HB379	HLT, TOU, FIN	Date: 2-6-6	2015
☐ 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)			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.			
4. JORDAN, Jo	L		
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	<u> </u>		
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.			
TOTAL (9)	6 2	`	1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: R; Mal hay			
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