

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2697

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2213  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2213, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to continue and appropriate funds for the nursing facility sustainability program for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and Hawaii Pacific Health.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that ensuring that nursing facilities remain financially viable is crucial for Hawaii residents to continue to have access to long term care resources. Your Committee notes that Medicaid patients make up the majority of nursing facilities' patient population, and Medicaid payments are less than the actual costs of care. Your Committee recognizes that the nursing facility sustainability program increases Medicaid payments to Hawaii's nursing facilities and has successfully helped these facilities to offset some of the losses that they incur while caring for the most underserved patients.

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Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure will enable the nursing facility sustainability program to continue supporting the crucial services provided by nursing facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the repeal date of the nursing facility program special fund from December 31, 2016, to December 31, 2017; and
- (2) Exempting the nursing facility program special fund for another year from paying for the costs associated with administering the special fund that would otherwise be imposed pursuant to sections 36-27(a) and 36-30(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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. 2213, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2213, S.D. 2.

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



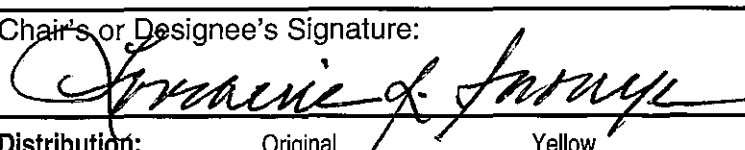
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2213, SD1	HMS/CPH, WAM	2/24/2016
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)		✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		✓
HARIMOTO, Breene		✓
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓	
RIVIERE, Gil	✓	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓	
SLOM, Sam	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	6	5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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