

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1044

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 819  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 819, S.D. 2, 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 preserve access to health care for Medicaid recipients by extending the Hospital Sustainability Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Adventist Health Castle, The Queen's Health Systems, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii Pacific Health. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hospital Sustainability Program, which was established in 2012, enables the State to leverage federal matching funds for hospitals that provide services to underserved, uninsured, and underinsured populations in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that continuing the Hospital Sustainability Program will ensure the continued

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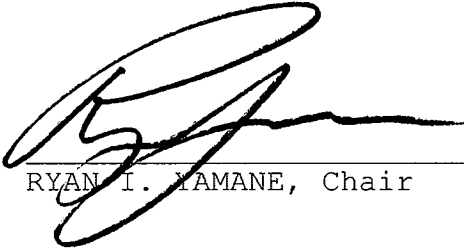


sustainability of hospitals in the State and help address ongoing budget constraints in the Medicaid program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 819, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 819, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health, Human  
Services, & Homelessness,



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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



