

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1434

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2021

RE: S.R. No. 35
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.R. No. 35
entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY
STUDY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL IN NORTH KONA, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to convene a task force to
conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a hospital in
North Kona.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce, Association of Hawaiian
Civic Clubs - Hawai'i Council, Kohala Coast Resort Association,
Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, Hawaii Leeward Planning
Conference, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that the population of North Kona on the
island of Hawaii has significantly increased over the years, which
has corresponded with a steady increase in the need for convenient
access to medical services. Your Committee further finds that the
residents of North Kona would greatly benefit from the addition of
a hospital in their community. This measure requests the Hawaii
Health Systems Corporation to convene a task force to conduct a
feasibility study for construction of a hospital in North Kona.



Your Committee recognizes the testimony of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, which recommended that the task force also conduct a health care needs assessment of the West Hawaii region to contextualize the need for a new hospital and to add a representative of Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital to the task force.

As such, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the task force to also conduct a health care needs assessment of the West Hawaii region;
- (2) Adding a representative of Queen's North Hawaii Community Hospital to the task force;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 35, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 35, S.D. 1.

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

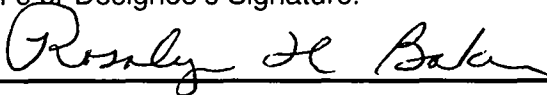


JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, Chair



The Senate
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State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 25</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH</i>	Date: <i>3-29-2021</i>		
<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
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes