

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3874

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1579
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1579, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, relating to the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health, to ensure that the intent of Act 212 is properly achieved.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Sets the proper manner by which the Oahu Regional Health Care System should seek operational funding during the pendency of the transition process;
- (2) Extends the date by which the transfer is to be completed from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2025;
- (3) Requires the transition working group to submit an additional report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025;

- (4) Clarifies the procedure for the working group to discuss matters concerning patient privacy and prospective bidders; and
- (5) Appropriates moneys for the creation of a comprehensive business and transition plan.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Oahu Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; University of Hawaii; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Health, and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee finds that, due to the complexity of the transition and the Department of Health's recent focus on other pressing issues, additional time is required to ensure that the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System is properly effectuated.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the appropriation for the creation of a comprehensive business and transition plan; and
- (2) Making the measure effective upon its approval.

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 H.B. No. 1579, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1579, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

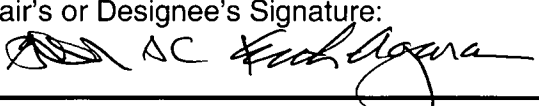
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1579, HD2, SD1	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 4/5/22		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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