STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3308

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2058
       H.D. 1
       S.D. 1

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

Sir:

     Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B.
No. 2058, H.D. 1, entitled:

     "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAIANAE COAST
     COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

     The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds as a grant to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
for the operation of its twenty-four-hour emergency department.

     Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and Hawaiʻi
Primary Care Association. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Health and Department of
Budget and Finance.

     Your Committee finds that the Waianae Coast Comprehensive
Health Center (Center) is a nonprofit medical facility serving the
Waianae coast of Oahu. The Center provides twenty-four-hour
emergency department services for the Waianae coast and the
majority of the Center's patients are at one hundred percent of
the federal poverty level and receive coverage under the State's
Medicaid program or Medicare. As a result, the Center operates at
a financial loss and requires state subsidies to maintain a
twenty-four-hour year-round emergency department. This measure

provides monies to the Center to continue its twenty-four-hour emergency department operations.
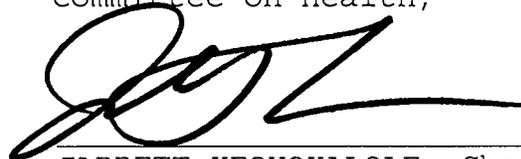
Your Committee acknowledges the concerns of the Department of Health and Hawai'i Primary Care Association, noting that the Center likely has not met the necessary requirements, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for receiving a grant-in-aid.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Removing the appropriation for a grant-in-aid to the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and replacing it with an appropriation to the Department of Health to procure the services for the public purpose of operating a twenty-four-hour emergency department from the center;

(2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion;

(3) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and

(4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

☐ Pass, unamended 2312 ☑ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	—	—	—

Recommendation:

☑ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

Rosalyn H Baker

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