

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 533-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2392
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2392, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation for coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic mitigation efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Primary Care Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), continues to evolve with time, manifesting new variant strains. Each new variant poses a potential threat of increased transmissibility, increased severity, or decreased ability of available vaccines and therapeutic agents to effectively combat the virus. Your Committee believes that high vaccination coverage throughout the State is the best available tool to mitigate any impact new variants may cause. However, your Committee notes that in order to achieve this, the Department of Health requires logistical

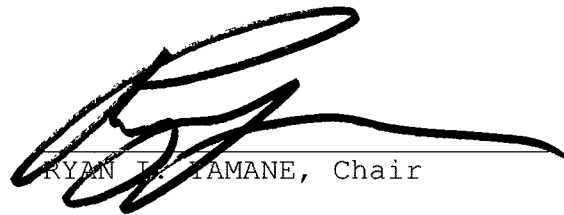
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support for its continued efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This measure is intended to continue the Department of Health's efforts at addressing the COVID-19 pandemic by providing funds to ensure the safety of Hawaii's residents.

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 H.B. No. 2392, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



RYAN L. YAMANE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2392, HD1	Committee Referral: PDP, HHH, FIN	Date: 02/15/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (7)	6			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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