STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3238

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2392

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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. 2392, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Health to support mitigation responses to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, including vaccination response activities.

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

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health currently has a shortfall of over \$35,000,000 due to the costs it has incurred for community COVID-19 testing, medical surge staffing, and other COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Your Committee further finds that while many of the Department of Health's COVID-19 related programs will eventually be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Health's current deficit prevents it from being able to maintain its current level of services to the State and community. Thus, an

emergency appropriation is necessary to continue to fund COVID-19 related efforts until the Department of Health receives FEMA reimbursement. This measure provides for that emergency appropriation.

Your Committee acknowledges the testimony of the Department of Budget and Finance, which notes that the Governor has requested expeditious consideration and immediate passage of this bill and that the funds appropriated are expected to be fully reimbursed by FEMA. Your Committee also acknowledges the testimony of the Department of Health providing the appropriation amounts necessary for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 for COVID-19 related FEMA reimbursable expenditures.

Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the appropriation amounts requested by the Department of Health;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2392, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2392, 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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WF	R) Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)		V			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)		-			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		V			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy	۹.				
FEVELLA, Kurt		~			
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