

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2023RE: S.B. No. 1018
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 1018 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Governor to ensure continued operation of medical facilities upon declaration of a state of emergency and during times of health or pandemic emergencies; and
- (2) Allow hospitals to suspend elective surgeries during the period of emergency to address the facility's bed capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and The Queen's Health System.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's geographic isolation imposes high demands on the local health care system when an emergency occurs. The coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic



illustrated the importance of maintaining adequate capacity in Hawaii's health care system during an emergency, whether the emergency is a pandemic or some other incident with the potential to cause casualties who need medical care. Your Committee believes that additional regulations are necessary to ensure continuation of critical health care services during an emergency. This measure will streamline emergency management response and recovery capabilities by requiring the Governor to ensure continued operation of medical facilities upon declaration of a state of emergency and during times of health or pandemic emergencies and allowing hospitals to suspend elective surgeries during the period of emergency to address the facility's bed capacity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1018, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1018, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,

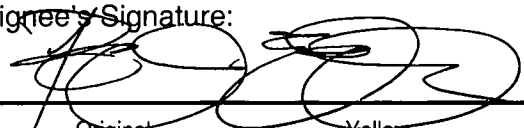


GLENN WAKAI Chair



The Senate
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Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1018	Committee Referral: PSM, JDC/WAM	Date: 2/3/23		
<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3	0	1	1
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