STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1734

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 6 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1369

H.D. 1 S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure the financial viability of long-term care facilities in the State.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Makes the nursing facility sustainability program permanent;
- (2) Makes various amendments to the nursing facility sustainability program;
- (3) Repeals the nursing facility tax; and
- (4) Appropriates funds from the nursing facility sustainability program special fund.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and The Queen's Health Systems.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that, since it was established in 2012, the nursing facility sustainability program has served a critical role in strengthening the State's long-term care system. In particular, the program has helped long-term care facilities treat some of the most vulnerable patients in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that making this program permanent will help to ensure the future sustainability of these facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1369 HD1 SD	Committee Referral: AHS, WAM		Date: 3/30/23			
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 (WI	R)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X				
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		Χ				
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		X				
DECOITE, Lynn		X				
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X				
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X				
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X				
KIM, Donna Mercado		X				
LEE, Chris		X				
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		X				*
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		×				
WAKAI, Glenn		X				
FEVELLA, Kurt		X				
TOTAL		13				
Recommendation: X Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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