STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1153

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 341

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 341, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawai'i Island Community Health Center to purchase or lease land on the island of Hawaii and develop primary care health care facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Island Community Health Center, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, and AlohaCare.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that limitations in health care infrastructure, whether due to geographic isolation, financial constraints, or other shortages, contribute to long-standing disparities in access to primary health care for residents on the island of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the Hawai'i Island Community Health Center is a nonprofit, federally qualified

2025-2127 SSCR SMA.docx  health center located on the island of Hawaii that plays a critical role in providing comprehensive, affordable, and accessible health care to Hawaii island residents who often face significant barriers to receiving timely medical attention. Your Committee additionally finds that through the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to the Hawai'i Island Community Health Center, the State can help facilitate the construction of new and expanded primary care infrastructure without imposing undue financial strain on taxpayers. This measure financially supports the Hawai'i Island Community Health Center to further address access to health care disparities through the expansion of health care infrastructure on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2026; and
- (2) 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 and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 341, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 341, 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 and Human Services.



## The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Health and Human Services HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		Dat	Date: 3/10/25	
HB 341, HD1	HHS, WAM 3/10/25				
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 (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)					
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)					
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett		·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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