STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3631

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2319
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2319, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update the functions and responsibilities of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

More specifically, this measure:

(1) Amends the statutory responsibilities of the State Health Planning and Development Agency;

(2) Defines "health care" for purposes of Chapter 323D, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

(3) Exempts from certificate of need requirements:

(A) Bed changes that involve up to thirty percent of a facility's total existing licensed beds within a two-year period; and

(B) Health care facilities or services operated by the Department of Health.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, AMR, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure establishes as a principal function of the State Health Planning and Development Agency the promotion of universal access to high-quality, equitable, and affordable health care for all the people of the State. Your Committee further finds that this focus is vital to Hawaii's public health as health care cost inflation continues to outpace general inflation, which decreases health care access and affordability for many families.

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. 2319, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate
Thirty-Third 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 2312 ☐ Pass, with amendments 2311 ☐ Hold 2310 ☐ Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1

Recommendation: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

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