STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2235-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 21, 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 21
S.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 21, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION'S EAST HAWAI'I REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A RURAL HEALTH CLINIC OR COMPARABLE RURAL HEALTH ACCESS POINT TO SERVE THE VOLCANO COMMUNITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation's East Hawai'i Regional Health Care System to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a rural health clinic or comparable rural health access point to serve the Volcano community.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board of Directors; East Hawai'i Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Volcano Health Collaborative; Lanikai Brewing Company; Cooper Center Council; Rotary Club of Volcano; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Volcano community is one of the largest rural population centers on the island of Hawai'i that is without direct access to primary care services, emergency stabilization capacity, or a locally based medical provider. Your

Committee further finds that the Volcano Village and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park receive million of visitors annually, further heightening the need for accessible medical services to respond to visitor injuries and other urgent medical needs arising from outdoor exposure to the volcano environment. Your Committee believes that the establishment of a Rural Health Clinic in the Volcano community would help to strengthen the overall health care infrastructure of East Hawai'i and improve health outcomes for visitors and residents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 21, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,
Committee on Health,

GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
SCR 21 SD1	HLT	4/17/26

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☒ Pass, unamended (as is) ☐ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	✓			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	✓			
3. AMATO, Terez				✓
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	✓			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	✓			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	✓			
8. ALCOS III, David	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
TOTAL (9)	8	—	—	1

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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