

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2319
H.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 H.B. No. 2319
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the functions and responsibilities of the State Health Planning and Development Agency to identify and coordinate activities and resources that affect health care access, cost, and quality across the State; and
- (2) Increase the certificate of need exemption threshold for bed changes to thirty percent of a facility's existing licensed beds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Association of Health Plans and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to update the statutory functions and responsibilities of the State Health



Planning and Development Agency to address the significant technological, medical, financial, political, and cultural developments over the past thirty years. This measure modernizes and clarifies the existing functions of the State Health Planning and Development Agency by establishing a comprehensive plan for assuring health care access, affordability, and quality.

Your Committee notes that this measure does not add new regulatory powers or expand the regulatory authority to the State Health Planning and Development Agency, particularly as it applies to insurance regulation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2319, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2319, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



GREGO TAKAYAMA, Chair



