

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2193

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2701

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2701 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WEST HAWAII REGIONAL
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the planning, design, site work, and construction of a new outpatient care center in North Kona.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation-West Hawai'i Region; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; The Queen's Health Systems; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and two individuals.

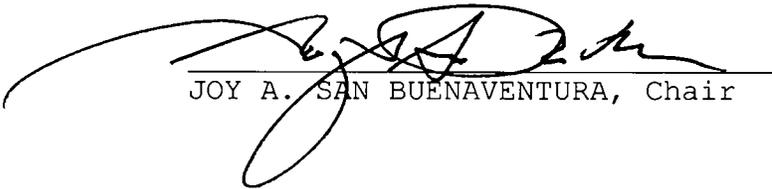
Your Committee finds that in North Kona, population growth has outpaced the growth of outpatient and specialty health care services, leading to longer travel times, delayed care, and pressure on emergency resources. Your Committee further finds that establishment of a new hospital in North Kona will help with recruiting physicians to the island of Hawaii, which will help address the island's ongoing struggles with physician shortages, while also creating new jobs and opportunities for the growing West Hawaii region. This measure supports improved access to timely, locally delivered health care for Hawaii island residents



and strengthens the long-term stability of the West Hawaii health care system.

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 S.B. No. 2701 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2701	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2/2/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes