

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2009

RE: S.B. No. 423

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 423 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate state funds to maximize the availability of the federal Medicaid disproportionate share hospital allowance.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific Health, Kaiser Permanente, AARP Hawaii, and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. The Department of Human Services submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that it is imperative to provide quality healthcare for the State's most vulnerable populations. Through the efforts of Hawaii's congressional delegation, a one-time federal Medicaid disproportionate share hospital allowance has been secured for the State. The disproportionate share hospital allowance is intended to compensate hospitals for higher operating costs incurred as a result of treating a large share of low-income patients.

Your Committees further find that the disproportionate share hospital allowance funds cannot be expended without a matching state appropriation. By appropriating the state funds necessary to maximize the availability of the federal disproportionate share

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hospital allowance, the State will enable healthcare providers to continue offering services to Hawaii's needy population.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 423 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)				✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">David Y Ige</div>				
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