

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1270

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2009

RE: H.B. No. 317
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 317, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOBILE MEDICAL CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of federal Homeland Security Grant funds to purchase, equip, and staff a mobile medical van for residents in remote areas on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received two written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that there is a lack of hospitals and health care centers on the southern portion of the island of Hawaii. Your Committee finds that this is a remote area of the State where residents are relatively isolated from the nearest hospitals and health care centers located some distance away. This isolation and distance from health facilities limits residents' access to emergency medical care and basic clinical health services. The problem has become magnified in recent months with the increase in vog from Halema'uma'a Crater that is concentrated in southern Hawaii and has the greatest health impact on residents in that area. Accordingly, your Committee finds that these residents' access to medical care would be greatly improved by a mobile medical service that is staffed and equipped to visit these areas and provide clinical health care and emergency care.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the amount of the appropriation to \$1 to facilitate further discussion.

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. 317, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 317, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.


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


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 317 HDI SBI	HTH/PSM, WAM	APRIL 2, 2009		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310				
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				/
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	9			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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