

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2875

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2010

RE: S.R. No. 43
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.R. No. 43
entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO STUDY AND IMPLEMENT STRUCTURAL
AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION AND ITS REGIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Senate
President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to
establish the Committee on Transitioning the Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation to study and plan the transformation of the Hawaii
Health Systems Corporation to an organizational structure that
responds more efficiently to the health care needs of the island
communities it serves.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Testimony in support
of the intent of this measure with amendments was submitted by the
Hilo Medical Center. Testimony in opposition to this measure was
submitted by the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME
Local 152, AFL-CIO. Written testimony presented to the Committee
may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation is crucial to the continued health and well-being of
millions of Hawaii residents yet it is unsustainably reliant on
government subsidies. Due to the current fiscal crisis the State

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does not have the fiscal capacity to continue funding the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation at its current level and must find an organizational structure that effectively and efficiently responds to the health care needs of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Committee on Transitioning the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is not limited to examining issues identified by the Stroudwater Study but should look beyond the Study to all viable options;
- (2) Including representatives of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation employees, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, United Public Workers, and the community on the Committee on Transitioning the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation;
- (3) Requesting that the Committee on Transitioning the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation advertise and hold public meetings for the purpose of gathering input from communities and regions served by Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes to ensure clarity and accuracy in the language of this measure.

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.R. No. 43, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 43, S.D. 1.

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

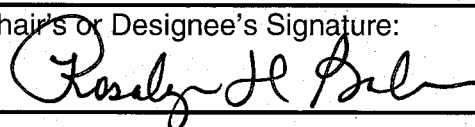


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 43	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 3-19-2010		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)				x
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				x
TOTAL	4	-	-	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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