

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

714

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 581

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 581, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the Hospital Sustainability Program for one year to continue maximizing the amount of federal funds private hospitals receive and federal matching funds public hospitals receive to help preserve access to health care for Medicaid recipients and sustain the State's health care system;
- (2) Revise the funding amounts for the Hospital Sustainability Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2015-2016; and
- (3) Make other changes to the Hospital Sustainability Program.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and The Queen's Health Systems supported this measure. The Department of Human Services commented on this measure.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 581, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LYKE, Chair

