

Honolulu, Hawaii  
April 7, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2540  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2540, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the immediate need for the development or expansion of a forensic facility at the Hawaii State Hospital by authorizing the Governor, with the assistance of the Director of Health, to directly negotiate with any person for the development or expansion of a Department of Health forensic facility, not subject to the restrictions inherent in the State Procurement Code. This measure also provides for additional public scrutiny through an extended review and comment period for any required environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

The Department of Health; Department of Accounting and General Services; State Procurement Office; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO provided comments on this measure.

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 S.B. No. 2540, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB2540 HD1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 03/30/16
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

**The recommendation is to:**  Pass, unamended (as is)     Pass, with amendments (HD)     Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	//			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	//			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	//			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	//			
5. DeCOITE, Lynn	//			
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	//			
7. JORDAN, Jo	//			
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	//			
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	//			
10. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	//			
11. LOWEN, Nicole E.	//			
12. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	//			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	//			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	//			
15. POUHA, Feki	//			
16. WARD, Gene	//			
<b>TOTAL (16)</b>	<b>16</b>			

**The recommendation is:**  Adopted     Not Adopted  
If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
   committee acronym(s)

**Vice Chair's or designee's signature:**

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