

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1117
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1117, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, East Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Government Employees Association, Hilo Medical Center Foundation, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a significant funding deficit has forced the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to close Maui Memorial Medical Center's adolescent psychiatry unit, begin eliminating one hundred nine vacant positions and thirty-three filled positions, freeze hiring, and aggressively pursue attrition savings. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation has been forced during fiscal year 2015 to absorb approximately \$48,000,000 in unfunded collective bargaining raises that were negotiated by the Administration on the Corporation's behalf.

Your Committee further finds that an emergency appropriation for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is necessary to maintain



a stable statewide health care system that is relied upon by residents and visitors of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation amount from \$24,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

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 S.B. No. 1117, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1117, S.D. 2.

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



JILI M. TOKUDA, Chair



