

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1138
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1138, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTHCARE ASSURANCE SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the annual expenditure ceiling of the Office of Healthcare Assurance Special Fund through the state budget process, to offset increasing operational expenses that include contracts to implement a new management information system and background checks system, as well as diminish dependence on the general fund; and
- (2) Authorize the Director of Health to approve emergency spending beyond the established budget ceiling.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Removing the authorization for emergency spending beyond the established budget ceiling for the Office of Healthcare Assurance Special Fund (Special Fund);
- (2) Clarifying the establishment of the annual expenditure ceiling of the Special Fund through the state budget process by:
 - (A) Repealing the statutory expenditure ceiling and cap for the Special Fund; and
 - (B) Inserting an appropriation out of the Special Fund to complete the Health Care Facility Management System project; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1138, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1138, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



