

SB 1237

Measure Title: RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

Report Title: Long-term Care Facilities; Nursing Sustainability Fee; Nursing Facility Sustainability Program Special Fund (\$)

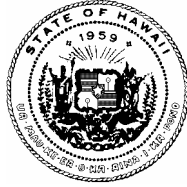
Description: Extends the sunset date of Act 156, SLH 2012, relating to the nursing facility sustainability fee program, to 6/30/2014 and makes conforming amendments. Increases the cap for the nursing facility sustainability fee to twelve per cent of net patient service revenue.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS, WAM

Introducer(s): GREEN, CHUN OAKLAND, Nishihara, Ruderman, Shimabukuro



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TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1237 - RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 5, 2013; 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016 , State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to continue the Nursing Facility Sustainability Program by extending the sunset date, updating referral dates in the statute, revising the funding amount for FY2013-2014; and makes an appropriation.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) respectfully opposes this measure because it would effectively extend the nursing facility sustainability program only through December 31, 2013, and it fails to address the appropriation language omitted from last year's Act that required an emergency appropriation for the current fiscal year.

The DHS strongly supports extension of the nursing facility sustainability program and necessary amendments proposed in the Administration bill, S.B. 1111. The DHS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Long-Term Care Association worked collaboratively to draft language agreed upon by all and included in S.B.1111.

The DHS supports the nursing facilities and believes that continuing the nursing facility sustainability program is important. The DHS respectfully requests that the Legislature support S.B.1111 developed through the collaboration of the DHS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Long-Term Care Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.