Honolulu, Hawaii

April 13 , 2006

RE:  H.C.R. No. 106
     H.D. 1


Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

    Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No.
106 entitled:

    "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
    TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON
    PREVENTING AN AVIAN INFLUENZA PANDEMIC BY NEUTRALIZING THE
    FERAL CHICKEN POPULATION OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

    The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to:

    (1)  Urge the Department of Health (DOH) to convene a working
         group of scientists, health experts, and stakeholders to
         conduct a scientific study on the feasibility and
         effectiveness of curtailing H5N1 by neutralizing the
         feral chicken population of Hawaii;

    (2)  Request the working group to discuss and present to the
         Legislature, among other things:

         (A)  The development and use of a color-coded, avian
              influenza activity scale of infected feral
              chickens, similar to the United States Department
              of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) Centers for
              Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Flu Activity
              Map, representing the five threat condition levels
              and corresponding colors;

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    (B)    An algorithm to create a computer software model that can calculate various infection scenarios occurring in the Hawaiian Islands resulting from feral chickens infected with H5N1;

    (C)    Potential neutralization systems, tactics, procedures, vehicles, devices, and personnel for an island-wide feral chicken neutralization program; and

    (D)    Alternative methods for the control of feral chickens;

and

(3)    Request the working group to request assistance from and collaborate with various organizations in conducting this feasibility and effectiveness study.

DOH testified in opposition to this concurrent resolution.

DOH advised that it would be a waste of resources and ineffective attempt to neutralize feral chicken to curtail H5N1 because of the large area over which the chickens would be spread and the large number of other wild birds. Therefore, your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by removing the reference to feral chicken neutralization, and instead have DOH work with the agencies to:
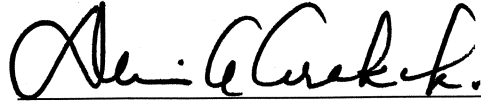
(1)    Coordinate planning and preventative measures to protect Hawaii from an avian flu epidemic; and

(2)    Establish a response system.

Your Committee has also amended the title of this concurrent resolution to read: "URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PREVENTING AN AVIAN INFLUENZA PANDEMIC" and added language explaining how the virus could become a widespread threat.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 106, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 106, H.D. 1.

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


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DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

**HSCR 1755-06**

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

| Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 106 HD1 | Date: 04/10/06 |
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| Committee Referral: HLT | ❑ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. |

**The recommendation is to:** ❑ Pass, unamended ☑ Pass, with amendments ❑ Hold ❑ Recommit

| HLT Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
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| 1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| 3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. | | | | ✓ |
| 4. HALE, Heléne H. | ✓ | | | |
| 5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. | ✓ | | | |
| 6. SONSON, Alex M. | ✓ | | | |
| 7. HALFORD, Chris | | | | ✓ |
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**The recommendation is:** ☑ Adopted ❑ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

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

_Josh Green_

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