

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 13, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 113

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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. 113 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND POSSIBLE STATUTORY AND PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES TO DECREASE THE CENSUS AT HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL AND ENHANCE COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES FOR FORENSIC PATIENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to reduce the number of individuals admitted by court order to the Hawaii State Hospital by requesting the Department of Health (DOH) to convene a task force to analyze the identification, diagnosis, and treatment of individuals with mental illness who are referred from the state criminal judicial system.

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Behavioral Health Coalition, Hawaii Government Employees Association, ILWU Local 142, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this concurrent resolution. The National Association of Social Workers supported this measure with amendments. DOH opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Requesting the Governor instead of the Department of Health to convene the task force;

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- (2) Changing the composition of the task force to include representatives from:
  - (A) The Police Department of all four counties; and
  - (B) The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of each county;
- (3) Requesting the task force to meet at least monthly from September of 2006 to December of 2007, and submit a final report and any recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008;
- (4) Amending the title to read: "REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL, STATUTORY, AND PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES TO MINIMIZE THE CENSUS AT HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES FOR FORENSIC PATIENTS"; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 113, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 113, H.D. 1.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



