

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 135
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 Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 135 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE GOVERNOR OR THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE IN A JOINT LEGISLATIVE/EXECUTIVE BRANCH WORK GROUP DEDICATED TO FINDING AFFORDABLE SOLUTIONS TO HAWAII'S HEALTHCARE CRISIS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to move our State forward in its quest to provide quality healthcare for all residents by establishing a work group to find affordable solutions to make universal healthcare in Hawaii a reality.

The National Association of Social Workers - Hawaii Chapter, and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association supported this concurrent resolution. Physicians for a National Health Program and several concerned individuals supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committees find that a solution to the healthcare crisis we face needs to be provided soon to prevent a further increase in the number of uninsured and to prevent increased State Medicaid and other healthcare costs.

Your Committees have amended this concurrent resolution by adding to the work group:



- (1) A member of the National Association of Social Workers - Hawaii Chapter; and
- (2) A consumer advocate.

Technical, nonsubstantive changes were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 135, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 135, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



