

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 11, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 219
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. 219 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMATION OF A HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to set forth a process to form and operate a health information exchange system that would improve the quality, and timeliness of health care, reduce costs, and eliminate duplicative tests and clerical errors.

The Department of Health (DOH), Hawaii Science and Technology Council, and Hawaii Health Information Exchange, Inc., supported this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Giving DOH a more supportive than participatory role in the formation of the health information exchange system;
- (2) Changing the title to read as follows: "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM FOR THE STATE OF HAWAII";

and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for consistency, clarity, 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. 219, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 219, H.D. 1.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



