

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1300 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 85

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. 85  
entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE INSURANCE  
COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE METHODS OF EXPANDING ACCESS TO  
QUALITY END-OF-LIFE, PALLIATIVE CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to increase the  
options and quality of care available to a person and their family  
when a person is diagnosed with a terminal disease by requesting  
the Insurance Commissioner to investigate methods of expanding  
access to quality palliative care.

The Hawaii Family Forum and Hawaii Catholic Conference  
supported this concurrent resolution. Kokua Mau supported the  
intent of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Affairs opposed this concurrent resolution.

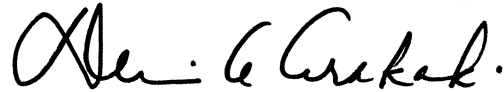
Your Committee finds that it is important that a person  
diagnosed with a terminal illness be afforded all available  
comfort and care options as soon as possible to ensure a high  
quality of life for the person and their family during the  
remaining time they share together. This care should be available  
for all people in Hawaii regardless of their health insurance  
coverage or lack thereof because we all have a right to  
compassionate care.

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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. 85 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



