

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 14, 2006  
RE: H.C.R. No. 88

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. 88  
entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF  
HEALTH TO DEVELOP A TRAUMA SYSTEM PLAN FOR HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to develop a comprehensive  
trauma system plan for Hawaii that encompasses all of the major  
islands and includes cost estimates. That the Director of Health  
involve representatives of all relevant agencies and  
organizations, both public and private, in the development of the  
trauma plan.

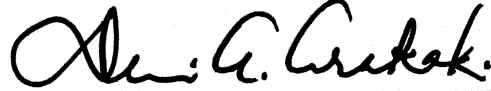
Your committee received testimony in support of this resolution  
from the Hawaii State Department of Health, Healthcare Association  
of Hawaii, and Kaiser Permanente.

Accordingly, the Legislature Reference Bureau report identified  
the causes of on-call physician specialist shortage as: 1. The  
cost of care has increased while payments to physicians from  
health plans, Medicare, and Medicaid have decreased. 2. There is a  
national shortage of physician specialists in many areas critical  
for trauma coverage. 3. Physician specialists have reduced or  
eliminated emergency call.

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. 88 and recommends its adoption.

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



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DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

