

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 24, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 147

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which
was referred S.C.R. No. 147 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ALLOW ALL
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE COMPONENT TO ACCESS THE
TRICARE PROGRAM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge Congress
to authorize and appropriate funds to allow all members of the
armed forces reserve component to access TRICARE health benefit
coverage on a cost-share basis, without restrictions.

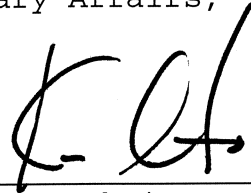
The Department of Defense, Hawaii National Guard Association,
Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association, Chamber of Commerce of
Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure.

Your Committee finds that the issue of medical readiness
exists in the National Guard and, during mobilization, the number
one reason for soldiers being rated non-deployable was a medical
one. Allowing members of the National Guard and Reserves to have
unrestricted access to TRICARE coverage would greatly enhance
their personnel readiness.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 147 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety &
Military Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



