

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 1 24, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 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 S.C.R. No. 1
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS CERVICAL
CANCER MONTH IN HAWAI`I,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide greater awareness and
education of cervical cancer prevention.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from
Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Family Voices of Hawaii, and Merck &
Company.

Your Committee finds that cervical cancer is the third most common
cancer affecting women worldwide and is a highly preventable
disease. Early detection of the disease through screening enables
women to receive proper treatment in a timely manner. If detected
early, cervical cancer has a survival rate of close to ninety-nine
percent.

Your Committee further finds that making January Cervical Cancer
month will allow supporters of cervical cancer prevention to
provide the needed awareness and education on the disease and the
importance of screening, regular exams, and early detection.

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 S.C.R. No. 1 and recommends its adoption.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

