

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag-124, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 71
S.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 S.C.R. No. 71,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE
ISSUES HOSPITALS FACE WITH REGARD TO WAIT LISTED PATIENTS IN
HAWAII IN NEED OF LONG TERM MEDICAL CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

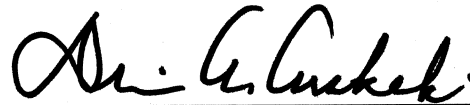
The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative
Reference Bureau (Hereinafter LRB) to conduct a study of the
issues hospitals face with regard to wait listed patients in
Hawaii in need of long term medical care.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from
the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific Health, the
Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and Hawaii Long Term Care
Association. The Legislative Reference Bureau submitted comments
for your Committee's consideration.

Your Committee finds that hospitals in Hawaii have been facing
serious problems regarding waitlists for acute care patients
waiting for transfer to long-term care facilities. Requesting the
Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study into these
pertinent issues will help to facilitate a plan for an effective
long-term solution.

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. 71, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

