

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 150

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing and Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 150 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PHYSICIAN ON-CALL CRISIS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Insurance Commissioner to convene a task force to study issues related to the physician on-call crisis.

Specifically, the task force is asked to:

- (1) Examine provider reimbursement versus cost of care issues as they relate to the physician on-call crisis; and
- (2) Gather relevant information, discuss possible solutions, and develop recommendations related to the physician on-call crisis.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific Health, Kaiser Permanente, and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. The Insurance Commissioner, on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Two recent reports, "The National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine" published by the American College of Emergency



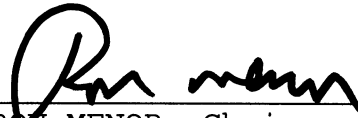
Physicians and "On-Call Crisis in Trauma Care: Government Responses" published by the Legislative Reference Bureau, highlight the serious challenges facing emergency health care systems, including the crisis of securing physicians for emergency, on-call care. Your Committees find that this on-call physician crisis must be addressed in order to ensure the integrity of emergency and trauma care in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 150 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and
Housing and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair




RON MENOR, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes of the
 Committee on Health
 (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>SCR 150</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPH/HTH</i>	Date: <i>4/5/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	X			
HANABUSA, Colleen				X
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	X			
WHALEN, Paul	X			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.