

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 92

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Education and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 92 entitled:

"SENATE 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 measure is to urge the United States Congress to authorize funds for armed forces reserve components to access TRICARE program health benefits without restrictions.

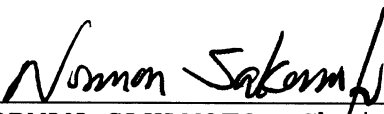
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Department of Defense, the Hawaii National Guard Association, and the Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association.

Your Committee finds that medical readiness continues to be an issue of concern for the National Guard, and that during mobilization, the number one reason a member is found non-deployable is a medical issue. Your Committee finds that allowing access to TRICARE for members of the National Guard and Reserves would greatly enhance personnel readiness.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 92 and recommends its adoption.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Military Affairs,



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



