

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 53

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 53
entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE COUNTIES TO FORM
PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE STATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO COVER
HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND OVERHEAD COSTS FOR PRIMARY CARE
AND SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS PRACTICING MEDICINE IN HAWAII'S
RURAL AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to encourage the
formation of public-private partnerships to cover certain costs
related to providing healthcare services for the medically
underserved in rural areas of the State.

Your Committee finds that providing proper healthcare
services in rural areas, particularly on the neighbor islands, has
become increasingly difficult. Physicians cannot work cost-
efficiently and the wages of employees in the healthcare industry
are too low to retain the employees. The combination of low wages
and high overhead costs has resulted in critical healthcare
shortages, with any providers leaving the State.

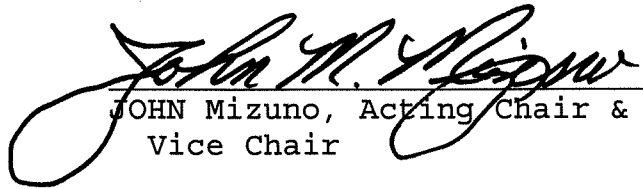
Your Committee finds that encouraging public-private
partnerships to provide financial assistance in establishing
healthcare infrastructure and reducing costs for healthcare
providers will lead to an improvement of the healthcare system
statewide and will enable health care providers to offer primary



care and specialty healthcare services in rural and medically underserved areas of the State.

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 H.C.R. No. 53 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN Mizuno, Acting Chair &
Vice Chair



