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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 141

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 141 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE LOWER DRUG PRICES ON BEHALF OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to alleviate drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries by urging the United States Congress to support legislation authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower drug prices.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from AARP Hawaii and the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committees find that it is important to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for Hawaii's enrolled Medicare beneficiaries. To this end, it is the intent of your Committees to support federal legislation authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use the Secretary's bargaining power to help make prescription drugs more affordable under Medicare.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this

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report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 141, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
IGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 141	Committee Referral: HSP/IGM	Date: 4/19/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	2	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes