

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1383

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2007

RE: S.R. No. 135

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.R. No. 135
entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO STUDY THE SOCIAL
AND FINANCIAL IMPACT OF MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR USE OF THE LG1 INTELLIGENT MEDICAL VIGILANCE SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the number of
preventable deaths and injuries that occur in hospitals due to
inadequate monitoring of patient respiration and blood pressure
rates.

Specifically, this measure requests the Auditor to study the
social and financial impact of mandatory health insurance coverage
for use of the LG1 Intelligent Medical Vigilance System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hoana Medical, Inc. and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee finds that innovative monitoring technology,
such as the LG1 Intelligent Medical Vigilance System, which is
designed to alert hospital staff of any abnormalities or changes
to a patient's respiration rate, heart rate, or mobility will help
to ensure that quality health care is provided in a time efficient
manner. The current shortage of hospital nurses in conjunction
with the time sensitive issues resulting from abnormal respiration
and heart rates and unattended bed exits of patients, creates
opportunities for preventable deaths and injuries.



Your Committee further finds that the LG1 Intelligent Medical Vigilance System will provide hospital staff with tools necessary to provide patients with early intervention health care. As a result, health care costs will be lowered without compromising quality health care and the working conditions of the already overburdened nursing and medical staff will be enhanced.

Your Committee further finds that when mandating health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part of an individual or group health insurance policy, section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires a concurrent resolution to be adopted requesting an Auditor's impact assessment report.

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.R. No. 135 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DAVID Y. ISE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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SR 135	HTH, WAM	<i>3/30/07</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:		
<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	
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓	
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓	
MENOR, Ron		✓
WHALEN, Paul		✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
<i>Carol Fukunaga</i>		
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