

Honolulu, Hawaii

July 1, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 157

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.R. No. 157 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A SMOKING CESSATION BENEFIT TO HAWAII QUEST BENEFICIARIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to provide and assist residents who are eligible for healthcare coverage through QUEST with the resources to conquer smoking, which remains a major health issue for the people of Hawaii by requesting the Department of Human Services to study the feasibility of implementing a smoking cessation benefit to Hawaii QUEST beneficiaries.

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii supports this resolution. The Department of Human Services supports the intent of this resolution.

Your Committees find that the Department of Human Services should explore the existing 1-800-Quit-Now program designed to help smokers who want to quit, and work on a contract to have QUEST and Medicaid patients receive these services for free.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 157 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services & Housing,

Maile Shimabukuro

MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair

Joshua B. Green M.D.

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 157	Committee Referral: HLT/HSH, FIN	Date: 3-25-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	✓			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
7. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				✓
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.				✓
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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Bill/Resolution No.: HR 157	Committee Referral: JLT / HSH, FIN	Date: March 25, 2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)	/			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au				/
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	/			
8. MIZUNO, John	/			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				/
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.				/
TOTAL (10)	7	0	0	3
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