

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 239  
H.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R.  
No. 239, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE  
REFERENCE BUREAU AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONDUCT STUDIES ON THE POTENTIAL  
FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE STATE AND THE STATE'S  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF PROVIDING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC  
KIDNEY DISEASE AT ALL FIVE STAGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to study the financial and  
economic impact of chronic kidney disease in Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure requests the Legislative Reference  
Bureau and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
Tourism to conduct studies on the potential financial and economic  
impact of all five stages of chronic kidney disease to the State  
and the State's healthcare system. In addition, the John A. Burns  
School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii, the Hawaii chapter  
of the National Kidney Foundation, and St. Francis Healthcare  
System of Hawaii are requested to assist with this study.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and the  
Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that ten percent of Hawaii's population  
has some form of chronic kidney disease and two percent of these



patients have end stage renal disease which require dialysis or kidney transplantation. The percentage of Hawaii's population with end stage renal disease is higher than the rest of the country and the number of these patients is also increasing at a higher rate than the rest of the country.

Your Committee further finds that the current costs for caring for end stage renal disease patients in Hawaii is \$125,000,000 and that cost is projected to reach \$144,000,000 by 2011.

Your Committee believes that this study will help to assess the financial and economic impact of chronic kidney disease to the State's economy and State's healthcare system and provide solutions toward preventing and treating this disease in Hawaii.

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. 239, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

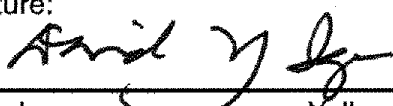
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 239, HD1	HTH	4/18/08		
<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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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