

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1167

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1495
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

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 H.B.
No. 1495, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PALLIATIVE
CARE RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve palliative care in
Hawaii by providing an appropriation as a grant under chapter 42F,
Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Kokua Mau for palliative care
education and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Medical Service Association,
Hospice of Hilo, Hawaii Long Term Care Association, the Hawaii
Family Forum, Kokua Mau, Hospice Hawaii, and seven individuals.
The Healthcare Association of Hawaii submitted testimony in
support of this measure with a recommended amendment.

The total funding needed for fiscal year 2007-2008 is
\$270,000 and the total funding needed for fiscal year 2008-2009 is
\$192,000.

Your Committee finds that palliative care services in the
State need to be improved and expanded. Your Committee recognizes
that palliative care is not an age specific service and that a
comprehensive program addressing the needs of the community is
imperative to improving end-of-life care in Hawaii.


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Your Committee adopted the recommendation of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and amended this measure by broadening the scope of the measure to enable any other skilled nursing facilities that choose to participate in the palliative care project with Kokua Mau.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1495, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1495, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <p style="text-align:center">HB 1495 HD2</p>	Committee Referral: <p style="text-align:center">HTH, WAM</p>	Date: <p style="text-align:center"><i>3/14/07</i></p>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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