

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3675

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

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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,

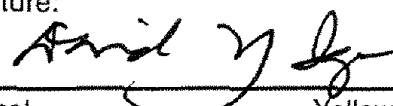


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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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				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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