

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 34

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 34 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TAXATION TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON IMPLEMENTING THE TAX  
INCENTIVE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAUI HEALTH INITIATIVE TASK  
FORCE TO ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF AN ADEQUATE MEDICAL  
SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE TO CARE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MAUI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of  
Taxation to conduct a study on implementing recommendations of the  
Maui Health Initiative Task Force relating to various proposed tax  
credits.

Specifically, this measure requests the Department of  
Taxation to study the projected tax revenue loss and details  
regarding the administrative implementation of the following  
proposed state tax credits:

- (1) For health care providers, facilities, and services  
related to the provision of health care or the training  
of health care professionals in Hawaii;
- (2) To encourage the development, maintenance, and operation  
of electronic medical records systems that are inter-  
operable with Hawaii's regional health information  
organization;
- (3) For families caring for loved ones at home; and



- (4) For private entities that obtain land for and to build alternative long-term care beds to provide for Medicaid patients.

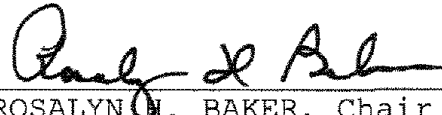
The Department of Taxation is requested to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor before December 1, 2008. Finally, this measure requests the Department of Taxation to conduct a legislative informational briefing on its report after the Department files its report.

The Department of Taxation offered comments concerning this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Taxation has the data and expertise to conduct the requested study. The request for such a study to determine projected revenue loss and administrative implementation of proposed tax credits is good public policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 34 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN M. BAKER, Chair



