

HCR239

HD1

Measure Title:

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.

Report Title:

Chronic Kidney Disease

Description:

Package:

The Filipino Caucus

Companion:

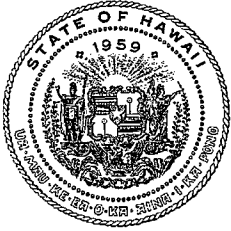
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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Friday, April 18, 2008
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State Capitol, Conference Room 016
In consideration of

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TO THE STATE AND THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF PROVIDING
CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AT ALL FIVE STAGES.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Committee on Health.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HCR 239 HD 1, which requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the potential financial impacts of providing care for patients with kidney disease. House Draft 1 amended the measures to request that DBEDT analyze the potential impact to the State's economy of providing the care for such patents.

DBEDT does not have expertise or resources to conduct a study in the area of health care. Should such a study should be conducted by the Legislature Reference Bureau (LRB), DBEDT is willing to evaluate the economic impact to the State, based on LRB's findings, provided that LRB furnishes an adequate amount of interpretable data.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

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Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
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Presented to the Senate Committee on Health

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Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on H.C.R. No. 239, H.D. 1. The Bureau takes no position for or against the measure but submits the following comments.

The resolution directs the Legislative Reference Bureau (Bureau) to conduct a study on the potential financial impact to the State and the State's health care system of providing care for patients with chronic kidney disease at all five stages. The Resolution also requests the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct the economic analysis needed to determine the impact on the State's economy.

As always, if the Legislature wants us to do this study, we will do so to the best of our abilities. We believe that the assignment of responsibilities under the resolution is appropriate.

We will endeavor to work with the Legislature to produce a study that is informative and useful.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.