

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1313

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 30, 2009

RE: H.R. No. 36

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 36 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A SMOKING CESSATION BENEFIT TO HAWAII QUEST BENEFICIARIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request that the Department of Human Services study the feasibility of implementing a smoking cessation benefit to Hawaii Quest Beneficiaries.

The Department of Human Services testified in opposition of this measure. The American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes, and the Coalition for Tobacco-Free Hawaii all submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committees find that smoking remains a major health issue for Hawaii's people. According to the Department of Health, seventeen percent of adults and more than fourteen percent of high school students smoke cigarettes in Hawaii. Although the smoking rate among pregnant women remains relatively low at 7.1 percent, this high risk behavior impacts the lives of 1,200 babies each year. Smoking cessation programs would highly benefit Hawaii's population and reduce the harms that cigarettes impose on the people of Hawaii.

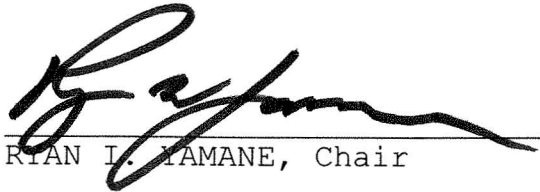
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this

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report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 36 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Health,

  
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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair

  
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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair

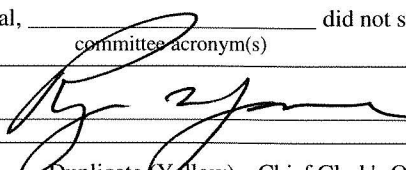




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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HR 36	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HUS/HLT, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-16-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			/
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn				/
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	6			3
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 150px; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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