

SCR 136

Measure Title: REQUESTING THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ESTABLISH A CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE MODULE.

Report Title: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; Module; CDC

1

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 6:40 PM
To: HTHTestimony
Cc: copd.hawaii@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SCR136 on 4/1/2009 2:45:00 PM

Categories: Green Category, Blue Category

Testimony for HTH 4/1/2009 2:45:00 PM SCR136

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Valerie Chang
Organization: Hawaii COPD Coalition
Address: 733 Bishop Street, Suite 1550 Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: 808-699-9839
E-mail: copd.hawaii@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/30/2009

Comments:

Dear Honorable Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Green and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

Attached is my testimony and proposed amended resolution to clarify language so it is consistent with HCR 214 (as amended) and national language being used at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and elsewhere.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional assistance. Thanks for the opportunity to testify about this vital topic.

Aloha,

Valerie Chang, JD
Executive Director
Hawaii COPD Coalition
<http://hawaiicopd.org>



Testimony in support of SCR 136, with amendments

Senate Committee on Health

Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2009 @ 2:45pm, room 016

March 30, 2009

To: Chair Senator David Ige, Vice-Chair Senator Roz Baker, Committee on Health
By: Valerie Chang, JD, Executive Director, Hawaii COPD Coalition, Honolulu, (808)699-9839
Re: SCR 136 re CDC COPD Module

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Green and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Valerie Chang. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii COPD Coalition. Our organization provides services and support to Hawaii's people affected by Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), more commonly known as emphysema, chronic bronchitis and similar conditions. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the US and expected to be the third leading cause of death in the US and world by 2020. Our Department of Health is one of the first who has obtained state-wide data about COPD and estimates that over 30,000 of Hawaii's people have been diagnosed with COPD, which is likely a significant underestimate as it is nationally.

I strongly SUPPORT the intent of SCR 136, for CDC Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to **develop a national plan to respond to COPD**; this plan appears to be referred to in the Hawaii resolutions as a module. In its November 13, 2008 CDC report, an article about COPD was released in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) with key findings: CDC estimates that additional health care costs total \$6000 each year for every COPD patient in the US. More than 126,000 Americans die of COPD each year. A dear colleague letter is being circulated in the US Senate to get CDC to fund a national plan to respond to COPD, with signatures due on April 27, 2009.

Currently there is NO plan in place at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address COPD. We urge that a joint, concurrent resolution be passed to request that the CDC establish a plan with as little as one million dollars of federal funds appropriated so that CDC can begin its long overdue work to raise awareness and combat this treatable disease.

A joint, concurrent resolution by our legislature will put the State of Hawai'i on record as supporting the establishment of a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and will give our Hawai'i Congressional Delegation a clear message of how important this issue is to our state and nation.

I propose amending the language of the current resolution to be consistent with national language used by CDC and other national organizations. The proposed amendment clarifies that the intent of the resolution is to support the creation of a comprehensive program which includes a module of surveillance questions, which the language of the resolution supports rather than only a module of questions.

For the committee's convenience and consideration, I have attached a proposed revised draft of SCR 136 (which is identical to the revision being considered for HCR 214). I would be very happy to provide any assistance and information requested, including any additional revisions. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this crucial and timely subject.

STATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SCR NO. 136
REQUESTING THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
ESTABLISH A CHORNIC OBSTRUCTIVE DISEASE PROGRAM

Deleted: MODULE

1 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, is
2 a progressive disease characterized by a long-lasting
3 obstruction of the airways that occurs with chronic bronchitis,
4 emphysema, or both; and

5
6 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease affects as
7 many as ten per cent of the world's population older than forty
8 years of age and is the fourth leading cause of death in the
9 United States; and

10 WHEREAS, to date, there is no cure for chronic obstructive
11 pulmonary disease; and

12
13 WHEREAS, the federal Division of Adult and Community Health
14 (DACH) is charged with managing programs that provide cross-
15 cutting chronic disease and health promotion expertise and
16 support to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (
17 CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health
18 Promotion, and the states, communities, and other partners; and

19 WHEREAS, the Division of Adult and Community Health also
20 manages several important and high-profile chronic disease
21 prevention and control programs for specific chronic diseases,
22 and is charged with assessing new and emerging chronic disease
23 issues and launching new programs for the Centers for Disease
24 Control and Prevention's National Center for Chronic Disease
25 Prevention and Health Promotion; and

26 WHEREAS, currently, there is no funded comprehensive
27 national program on chronic obstructive
28 pulmonary disease with information and research and a module at
29 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and WHEREAS,
30 the creation of a funded Centers for Disease Control and
31

Deleted: are

Deleted: s

Deleted: g

Deleted: g

f

STATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SCR NO. 136

REQUESTING THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

ESTABLISH A CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE DISEASE PROGRAM

Deleted: MODULE

1 Prevention comprehensive national program including all
2 stateholders for chronic obstructive pulmonary
3 Disease (including a module of surveillance questions)
4 to enable information on the potentially
5 debilitating disease to be centralized and coordinated, leading
6 To better sharing of key information and more research and
7 funding for better and more effective treatments; now,
8 therefore,

Deleted: within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifty
10 Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2009, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that appropriate funding be
12 provided for the Centers for
13 Disease Control and Prevention to
14 establish a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease national
15 program (which includes a module of surveillance questions), for
16 information and research and coordinated efforts for better and
17 more effective treatments for the disease; and

Deleted: is respectfully requested

Deleted: on

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of the
20 Hawaii congressional delegation, the Director of the Centers for
21 Disease Control and Prevention, and the Director of the Division
22 of Adult and Community Health.

Deleted: §

23 OFFERED BY: /s/ Suzanne Chun-Oakland

Deleted: §
§

STATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SCR NO. 136
REQUESTING THAT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
ESTABLISH A CHORNIC OBSTRUCTIVE DISEASE PROGRAM

Deleted: MODULE

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32