

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2010

RE: H.R. No. 25

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 25 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AID TO THE STATE OF HAWAII FOR THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS STATE SERVICES TO MIGRANTS FROM THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION NATIONS; DEEM MIGRANTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FEDERALLY FUNDED FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND PROVIDE DIALYSIS AND CHEMOTHERAPY CENTERS IN MICRONESIA AND ALL AREAS WITHIN THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION NATIONS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to:

- (1) urge the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Congress to provide additional federal aid to the State of Hawaii for the provision of various state services to migrants from the Compact of Free Association (COFA) Nations; and
- (2) deem migrants eligible to receive federally funded financial and medical assistance; and
- (3) provide dialysis and chemotherapy centers in Micronesia and all areas within the Compact of Free Association (COFA) Nations.



The Consul General of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Goodwill Industries, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, the Micronesian Health Advisory Coalition, and several concerned individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committees notes that the costs associated with providing various state services to the Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants continues to increase each year. It is also noted that although the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act of 1996 prevents needy persons from the COFA nations from receiving federally funded financial and medical assistance, the State of Hawaii continues to provide equivalent services for the COFA migrants using state funds.

It seems unfair to your Committees that, because of the unique federally created relationship our nation has with the COFA nations, the State of Hawaii continues to provide state services without additional federal support.

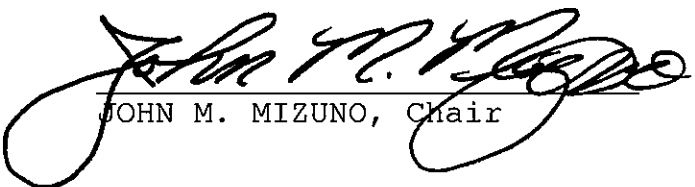
Therefore, your Committees firmly believe in seeking federal aid for the provision of various state services to migrants from the Compact of Free Association nations.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 25 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



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The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 952-10

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 25	Committee Referral: HUS/HLT, TCI, FIN	Date: 3/18/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. CARROLL, Mele				/
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. WARD, Gene				/
TOTAL (9)	5	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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