

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 794

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 889  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 889, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that Hawaii is consistent with federal agency efforts to control healthcare-associated infections by:

- (1) Requiring healthcare facilities in the State that are certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to report healthcare-associated infections to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network (Network);
- (2) Authorizing the Department of Health (DOH) to adopt rules to require healthcare-associated infections that are multi-drug resistant to be reported to DOH through the Network;
- (3) Beginning June 30, 2013, requiring DOH to prepare an annual public report on information pertaining to healthcare-associated infections in the State for the previous calendar year; and

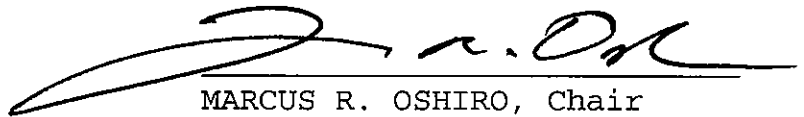


- (4) Requiring DOH to submit a report on healthcare-associated infection reporting to the Legislature prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session.

DOH, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology-Hawai'i Chapter testified in support of this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 889, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



