

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2011

RE: S.C.R. No. 53
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 53 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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 and intent of this measure is to urge 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.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Superintendent of Education, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Association, and American Cancer Society. Your Committees



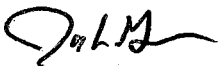
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committees find that the cost to the State to provide various state services to the Compact of Free Association migrants continues to increase each year. Migrants from the Compact of Free Association nations are proportionally over-represented in the population of persons who receive various state social services in Hawaii. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 prevents needy persons from the Compact of Free Association nations from receiving federally funded financial and medical assistance. If the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 is amended to allow the Compact of Free Association migrants to receive federally funded financial and medical assistance, the State would not have to expend state funds to provide the equivalent services, thus allowing more of the State's general funds to be used for services and programs for which federal funding is not available.

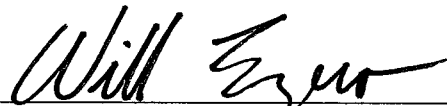
Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 53, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs and Health,



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 53</i>	Committee Referral: <i>PGM/HTH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/21/11</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

