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Written Comments

SCR26, SD1 ESTABLISHING A HAWAII STATE FALL PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE APPROACH TO REDUCING FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

Comments by the Legislative Reference Bureau
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Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

I am Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. The Bureau appreciates this opportunity to submit the following written comments on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26, Senate Draft 1:

- (1) S.C.R. No. 26, S.D. 1, among other things, creates a task force to develop a statewide approach to reducing falls among older adults.
- (2) Paragraph (3) of the sixth "Resolved" clause of the measure requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to assist the task force in drafting any proposed legislation recommended by the task force for submission to the Legislature.

The Bureau takes no position on the merits of the measure, but notes that, as the measure is presently drafted, the functions required of us appear to be manageable and we would undertake them to the best of our ability. However, we do request one clarifying amendment, we ask that the task force be requested to submit its drafting request to the Bureau by November 1, 2011, rather than an unspecified date in the month of November 2011. The purpose for the amendment is to ensure that the request does not come at the end of November and thus coincide with what is normally one of the Bureau's heaviest pre-session drafting request months. This way, the Bureau will be better able to manage and accommodate the many drafting requests made to the Bureau by legislators and other authorized entities.

Thank you again for allowing us to comment on this measure.