

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1343

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2, 2013

RE: H.R. No. 172

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 172  
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO  
ESTABLISH A STROKE SYSTEM OF CARE IN THE STATE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve outcomes for stroke  
patients by urging the Department of Health to convene a task  
force to establish a stroke system of care.

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association  
and Healthcare Association of Hawaii testified in support of this  
measure. The Department of Health, Hawaii Pacific Health, and The  
Queen's Medical Center supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the role of the Healthcare Association of  
Hawaii to be represented through a member of the task  
force and to identify relevant practitioners for  
inclusion as additional members;
- (2) Including representatives from Hawaii Neurological  
Society and the American College of Emergency Physicians  
as well as other stakeholders on the task force; and

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- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 172, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 172, H.D. 1.

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

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



