

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1154

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 1 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 150

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 150 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY SERVICES PATIENT ADVOCATE
PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF
PATIENTS RECEIVING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the
Department of Health to establish an emergency services patient
advocate program to provide assistance to and advocate on behalf
of patients receiving emergency medical services and their
families.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Community Alliance for Mental Health and two individuals.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that sick and vulnerable patients and
their family members can become overwhelmed during a medical
emergency. Many patients are unaware of their rights regarding
the treatment and care they receive from their emergency room
physicians. Your Committee finds that many patients or their
family members may disagree with the diagnosis or treatment plan
provided by their emergency room physician but feel forced to
accept the treatment plan because they are unaware of how to
effectively exercise their right to secure appropriate and
available emergency medical care. As a result, your Committee



encourages the Department of Health to establish an emergency services patient advocate program to provide assistance to and advocate on behalf of patients receiving emergency medical services and their families.

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 S.C.R. No. 150 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	—	—	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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