

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1152

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 155  
S.D. 1

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. 155 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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 and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Health to convene a task force to establish a stroke  
system of care in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Hawaii Pacific Health, Healthcare  
Association of Hawaii, and American Heart Association.

Your Committee finds that stroke is the leading cause of  
chronic disability among adults in the State. Rapid  
identification, diagnosis, and treatment of stroke can improve  
outcomes for stroke patients. Your Committee finds that Hawaii  
does not presently have an adequate and effective system of  
statewide stroke care that emphasizes rapid assessment and triage  
of stroke patients. Your Committee further finds that in order to  
provide the best medical outcomes for Hawaii's stroke victims, it  
is necessary to request the Department of Health to convene a task  
force to establish a stroke system of care in the State.

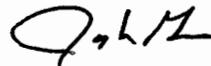
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Expanding the membership of the task force to include a representative of Healthcare Association of Hawaii, who is to invite chief medical officers from all hospitals with emergency departments; a representative from the Hawaii Neurological Society; a representative from the American College of Emergency Physicians, Hawaii Chapter; and any additional stakeholders identified by the task force; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 155, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 155, S.D. 1.

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



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



