

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3467

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 122  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R.  
No. 122, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO  
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS THE SCOPE AND FEASIBILITY OF  
ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY SERVICES PATIENT ADVOCATE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Director of Health to convene a task force to assess the scope and  
feasibility of establishing an emergency services patient advocate  
program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Community Alliance for Mental  
Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that patients and their families can  
easily become overwhelmed within the medical system, especially  
when emergency medical attention is necessary. Moreover,  
emergency room professionals have the highest rate of burnout in  
the health care profession. Your Committee further finds that a  
patient advocate program may be necessary to assist in the  
effective case management of patients and health care providers in  
emergency situations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Amending the membership of the task force to include four representatives from the Subarea Health Planning Councils of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council; one representative from the Hawaii Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; one representative of the Emergency Medical Services and Advisory Committee; managers of emergency departments of hospitals located in Hawaii; Healthcare Association staff; and individuals with direct experience in patient advocacy, and remove the directors of emergency rooms, or their designees, from hospitals located in Hawaii;
- (2) Removing the requirement that the task force make recommendations on how to effectively implement an emergency services patient advocate program, including a timetable for implementation;
- (3) Removing the requirement that the task force determine the costs of implementing, and the resources necessary to implement, an emergency services patient advocate program;
- (4) Requiring the task force to make recommendations on whether a statewide emergency services patient advocate program is necessary;
- (5) Requiring the task force to make recommendations on whether a statewide emergency services patient advocate program would be cost-effective;
- (6) Removing the requirement that the report to the Legislature include the task force's actions in assessing the scope and feasibility of establishing an emergency services patient advocate program; and
- (7) 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 H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.



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



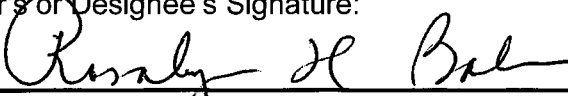
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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<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
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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