

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1339

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2, 2013

RE: H.C.R. No. 135

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.C.R. No. 135 entitled:

"HOUSE 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 of this measure is to facilitate the provision of information and assistance to emergency room patients and their families by encouraging the Department of Health to establish an Emergency Services Patient Advocate Program which would place advocates in emergency care settings across the State to facilitate communication between patients and their families and health care providers about diagnosis or treatment plan options.

The Community Alliance for Mental Health and United Self Help testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health offered comments.

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. 135 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

HCR135 HSCR HLT HMS 2013-3025



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

for 

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



HSCR 1339

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 135	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date: 3/27/13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
4. CARROLL, Mele				✓
5. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
6. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. CHEAPE, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (8)	6	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Della A. Belatti</i></u>				
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