

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3489**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 21 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 78  
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 78, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH TO CONVENE A FAMILY CAREGIVERS WORKING GROUP TO  
EXAMINE AND ASSESS THE ROLE OF CAREGIVING FOR PATIENTS  
RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS, THE STATE OF THEIR OVERALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY NEEDED AND  
AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Health to convene a family caregivers working group  
to examine and assess the role of caregiving for patients released  
from hospitals, the state of their overall circumstances, and the  
resources in the community needed and available to assist them.

In addition, this measure requests that the working group  
examine and assess the state of the current practice of caregiver  
designation, notification, involvement in discharge planning, and  
training and make legislative and regulatory recommendations on  
how best to involve caregivers in patient discharge and prepare  
caregivers for after-care tasks.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this  
measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and one  
individual.

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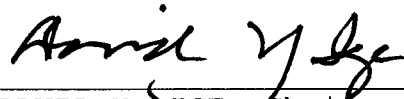


Your Committee finds that the role of family caregivers has greatly expanded to encompass many areas of patient care that require increased expertise and skill, such as medical and nursing tasks. This has resulted in uncertainty in defining the role of hospitals in the training of caregivers as well as the availability of community resources that may assist in training family caregivers.

Your Committee believes that this measure will provide the needed insight into the role of family caregivers, hospitals, and community resources in ensuring that family caregivers are equipped with the necessary training and skills to deliver the proper services needed for a patient's continued recovery.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 78, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 78, HD 150	H/H/HMS, WAM	4-17-14		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
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Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Michelle N. Sidani</i>				
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