

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 66
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 66 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PREVENT SUICIDE HAWAII TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND A STRATEGIC PLAN TO REDUCE SUICIDES IN HAWAII BY AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT BY 2025,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force (Task Force) to:

- (1) Examine, evaluate, and determine methods to improve education, awareness, support services, and outreach to prevent suicide in the State;
- (2) Form a temporary subcommittee to assist in the development of the Task Force's recommendations; and
- (3) Recommend a strategic plan to reduce suicides in the State by at least 25 percent by 2025, and report its findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature prior to the 2017 Regular Session.

The Department of Health, Hawaii Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Oahu Prevent Suicide Hawaii Taskforce, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and several individuals testified in support of this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the composition of the subcommittee;
- (2) Extending the time period in which the temporary subcommittee is requested to meet;
- (3) Requesting the Task Force to submit its report to the Legislature prior to the 2018 Regular Session, rather than prior to the 2017 Regular Session; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 66, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 66, H.D. 1.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



