

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 105
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 105, S.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
ON ITS EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO THE VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION UNIT IN ITS DISABILITY COMPENSATION DIVISION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to report on its
efforts to keep its commitment to work with vocational
rehabilitation stakeholders and address the issues raised and
recommendations made to improve the performance of the Vocational
Rehabilitation Unit in its Disability Compensation Division.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from eight individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from
the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and nine
individuals.

Your Committee finds that concerns have been raised regarding
the Vocational Rehabilitation Unit being administered in a
different manner than in the previous three and a half decades,
contrary to the original intent of the system as expressed in



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section 386-25(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes. Specifically, concerns have been raised that the Vocational Rehabilitation Unit is administered in a manner that is punitive and retaliatory toward counselors who are advised of the authority of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to revoke their certification or registration under section 12-14-19, Hawaii Administrative Rules. Accordingly, your Committee believes that an official report addressing these concerns from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations will assist in identifying and resolving specific concerns.

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. 105, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

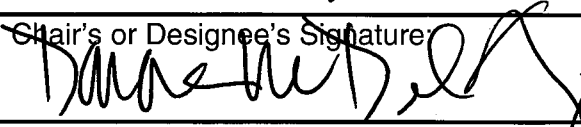


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 105, SD1	SDL, WAM	4/21/17		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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