

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 161

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. 161 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A
WORKING GROUP RELATING TO COMPLEX PATIENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
MedQUEST Administrator to convene a working group relating to
complex patients.

More specifically, the working group is requested to:

- (1) Evaluate the issue of complex patients who are
waitlisted in hospitals because of medical or behavioral
health issues; and
- (2) Consider solutions that include incentive or add-on
payments to encourage the transfer of those patients out
of hospitals and into more appropriate settings.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from The Queen's Health Systems, Kaiser Permanente, the
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific Health, the
American Organization of Nurse Executives Hawaii, and Castle
Medical Center.



Your Committee finds that there are hospitalized individuals who have recovered sufficiently to no longer need the acute level of care that a hospital provides, but who still have complex medical or behavioral health needs that require intensive services. These patients remain in hospitals for many weeks or months after the appropriate date of discharge because, due to insufficient reimbursements from Medicaid, necessary intensive services are often too costly for long-term care facilities to provide. Therefore, these patients become "waitlisted" patients. Your Committee also finds that according to a 2014 report, there were 7,055 waitlisted patients in Hawaii hospitals in 2011, who required care at an average cost of \$1,404 per day, which resulted in a loss to hospitals of approximately \$62,700,000 for that year.

Your Committee believes that transferring waitlisted patients to long-term care facilities would make more hospital beds available to patients who actually need acute care services, while also freeing hospitals from the obligation to provide lower-reimbursement, long-term care services. Your Committee therefore finds that it is appropriate to consider possible solutions that would facilitate the transfers.

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. 161, and recommends its adoption.

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

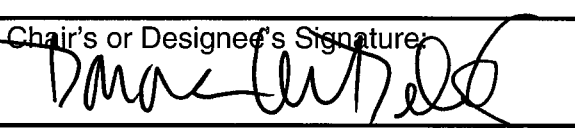


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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| HCR 161 | HMS/CPH, 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 | / | | | |
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