

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017RE: S.C.R. No. 116
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 116 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STATE DEPARTMENTS
AND AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT WORKSITE WELLNESS PROGRAMS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage each
state agency and department to:

- (1) Implement a worksite wellness program consistent with
Department of Human Resources Development policies and
procedures; and
- (2) Identify a manager to serve as the wellness leader to
collaborate with executive management and employees to
create a worksite wellness infrastructure, oversee the
development and implementation of employee wellness
policies and committees, and provide ongoing assessment
and monitoring of the effectiveness of the worksite
wellness program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Department of Commerce and Consumer
Affairs, Hawaii Medical Service Association, American Heart
Association, and thirty-six individuals. Your Committees received



comments on this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF).

Your Committees find that forty-one states have state-wide wellness programs, and many offer incentives to encourage employee participation. Your Committees find that supporting and encouraging the health and wellness of State employees may lead to increased productivity in the workplace, as well as mitigate individual health care costs, much of which is borne by the State. Your Committees note that there have been ongoing efforts to develop wellness programs by EUTF, and conclude this measure will provide additional support to those efforts.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to accurately reflect its purpose; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 116, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 116, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Government
Operations and Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and
Health,



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