

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 21, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1895
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1895, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the artificial shortage of available dialysis centers caused by the delayed certification process by appropriating funds to assist the Department of Health in reviewing, certifying, and recertifying dialysis centers in Hawaii and other health care facilities under the purview of the Department of Health.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, U.S. Renal Care Inc., Liberty Dialysis Hawaii, Fresenius Medical Care of North America, and National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health and Disability and Communication Access Board provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1895, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



