

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1713 -18

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 135

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 135 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE COSTS OF MEDICALLY NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION TO THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES FOR QUALIFYING PATIENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated health insurance coverage under H.B. No. 687, H.D. 2, Regular Session of 2018, which requires insurance coverage for the costs of medically necessary transportation to the continental United States for qualifying patients.

The Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Kapiolani Medical Specialists, Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and a few concerned individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Office of the Auditor submitted comments.

Your Committee notes that the Office of the Auditor commented that certain requests in this resolution, as written, are outside

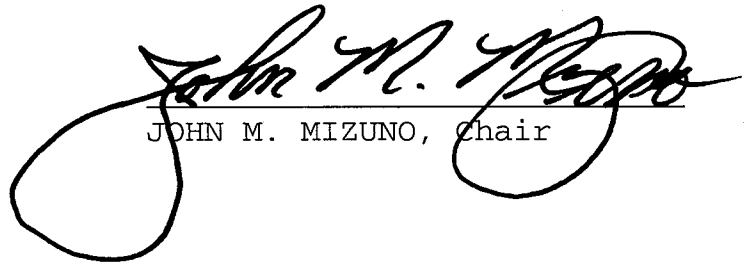
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of the scope of that Office due to being requests for legal opinions. The Office of the Auditor suggests referring the requests for legal opinions to either the Attorney General or a legislative research office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 135 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



