

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 222

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. 222 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO HIRE A STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RAT LUNGWORM DISEASE AND OTHER ZOOONOTIC DISEASES IN THE STATE'S HUMAN POPULATION AND TO SUPPORT STATEWIDE EFFORTS IN PROTECTING AND IMPROVING HUMAN HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to prevent the spread of rat lungworm disease and other zoonotic diseases in human populations by hiring a State Veterinary Medical Officer.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources and one concerned individual submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Health submitted comments.

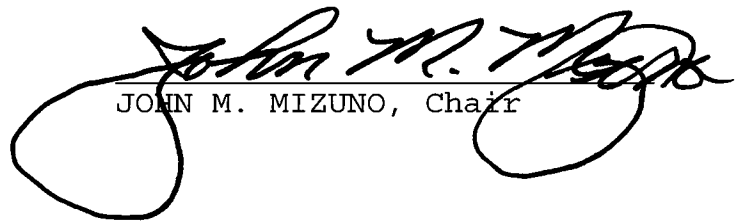
Your Committee notes that the Department of Health testified that fulfilling the request made in this measure would require additional funding to provide a competitive salary for a well-qualified public health veterinarian.

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. 222 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



