

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 , 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 78
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 78 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF THE PHYSICIAN NETWORKS ON ALL ISLANDS OF THE STATE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure timely access to health care services for all residents of Hawaii by requesting the Auditor to assess the adequacy of the physician networks on all islands of the State and submit a report of the findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2019.

The John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawaii Medical Association, Work Injury Medical Association of Hawaii, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i testified in support of this measure. The Office of the Auditor and Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the title to read: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO




ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF THE PHYSICIAN NETWORKS ON ALL ISLANDS OF THE STATE";

- (2) Amending the measure to reflect that the Insurance Commissioner is being requested to do the assessment rather than the Auditor;
- (3) Limiting the assessment to networks serving Medicaid/QUEST and EUTF covered patients; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 78, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 78, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



