

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3790

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 95
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.C.R. No. 95 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH
SYSTEMS CORPORATION OAHU REGIONAL BOARD TO ASSESS THE
AVAILABILITY OF LONG-TERM CARE BEDS ON OAHU AND TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF LEAHI HOSPITAL AND
MALUHIA LONG-TERM CARE HEALTH CENTER, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu Regional Board to assess
the availability of long-term care beds in the City and County of
Honolulu and develop recommendations regarding the closure of
Leahi Hospital, Maluhia Long-Term Care Health Center, or both.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and
Hawaii Advocates For Consumer Rights. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from the O'ahu County
Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of
Hawai'i, UPW/AFSCME Local 646 AFL-CIO, and two individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i
Government Employees Association and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation provides long-term care services on Oahu through Leahi



Hospital and Maluhia Long-Term Care Health Center. Your Committee further finds that long-term care facilities relieve financial and capacity pressures on acute care facilities and that acute care facilities often have waitlists of patients who have recovered sufficiently to no longer need the acute level of care that a hospital provides but for whom a long-term care bed is unavailable. Your Committee further finds that the need for long-term care services is likely to grow as Hawaii's population continues to age. Your Committee also finds that closing long-term care facilities will only worsen this problem, and that the availability of long-term care facilities should be studied throughout the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

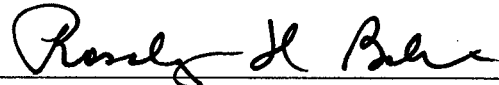
- (1) Expanding its focus to include long-term care facilities on East Hawaii, West Hawaii, and Kauai;
- (2) Removing the request for the Oahu Regional Board to develop recommendations regarding potential closures of Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Long-Term Care Health Center;
- (3) Including additional information about the effect of waitlists for long-term care beds on acute care facilities, reimbursement rates for long-term care patients, and past studies done on waitlists;
- (4) Requesting the Oahu, East Hawaii, West Hawaii, and Kauai Regional Boards to assess their needs for long-term care placements and the effect of the availability of long-term care beds on wait times for acute care beds, and develop recommendations regarding the effect of the availability of long-term care beds on wait times for acute care beds;
- (5) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is



attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 95, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 95, S.D. 1.

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

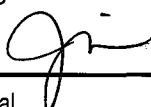


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 95	CPH	4/13/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley				/
ESPERO, Will				/
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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