

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 722
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 722
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PALLIATIVE CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support activities that
increase the utilization of palliative care by:

- (1) Establishing the culturally competent palliative care
pilot program to:
 - (A) Promote palliative care;
 - (B) Gather health care utilization data; and
 - (C) Conduct bidding for at least two pilot programs for
home or community based palliative care, one of
which must be located in a county with less than
two hundred thousand residents; and
- (2) Establishing an advisory group to oversee implementation
of the pilot program.

The Department of Health, East Hawaii Region of the Hawaii
Health Systems Corporation, Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i, The Queen's



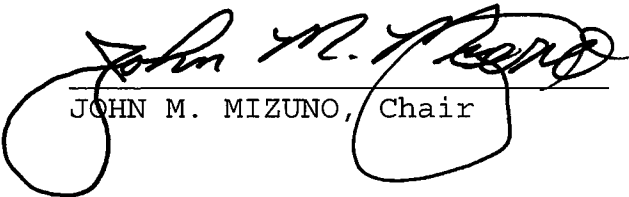
Health Systems, St. Francis Healthcare System, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Hawaii Family Forum, Kokua Mau, Hawai'i Care Choices, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 722, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 722, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



