

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1698

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 97  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 97 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS  
"ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH" AND JUNE AS "ALZHEIMER'S AND  
DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to declare November  
as Alzheimer's Awareness Month and June as Alzheimer's and  
Dementia Awareness Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Executive Office on Aging.

Your Committee finds Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading  
cause of death in the United States, killing more people than  
breast cancer and prostate cancer combined, with one out of three  
seniors dying from Alzheimer's disease. There are an estimated  
27,000 people aged 65 and older with Alzheimer's disease in Hawaii  
today, and that number is expected to increase by more than 40  
percent by 2025. The Alzheimer's Association estimated that the  
cost of care for a person living with Alzheimer's disease is  
approximately \$341,840 and Alzheimer's disease and other forms of  
dementia cost people in the United States a combined \$277 billion  
in 2018. Your Committee further finds that while there is no cure  
for Alzheimer's disease, increased public awareness and an early



and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia may reduce the costs of care for a person living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Your Committee finds designating November as Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness month may encourage residents to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related ailments and motivate them to contact the Alzheimer's Association Aloha Chapter to access resources and receive support to help them live well with Alzheimer's disease.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the findings to incorporate updated statistics regarding Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;
- (2) Clarifying that the designated month for Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness is November;
- (3) Amending the title accordingly; and
- (4) 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 S.C.R. No. 97, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1.

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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



