

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1788

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2019

RE: S.R. No. 161

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R. No. 161 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
CREATE A COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BODY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Human Services to create a Compact of Free Association Advisory Board to undertake studies and make policy recommendations regarding health care coverage for residents from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau.

Your Committee received written comments in support of the measure from the Department of Human Services, Kokua Kalihi Valley, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that, based on their immigration status under the applicable compacts of free association, individuals from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau face unique challenges in navigating state systems, particularly state-funded health insurance and health care programs. Analyses and recommendations are needed to determine the best approach for providing parity in state-funded health coverage for otherwise eligible individuals.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 161 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

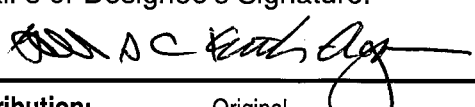


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 161	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 3/28/19		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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