

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1697

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.R. No. 83  
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.R. No. 83 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE HAWAII STATE EXECUTIVE  
OFFICE ON AGING UPDATE THE 2013 WHITE PAPER ON ACTIVE AGING  
AND PROVIDE A FINAL REPORT ON ITS UPDATED VERSION NO LATER  
THAN THE START OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2021,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the  
Hawaii State Executive Office on Aging update the 2013 white paper  
on active aging and provide a final report on its updated version  
no later than the start of the Regular Session of 2021.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and O'ahu County  
Democrats Committee on Legislative Priorities. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from the Executive Office on  
Aging.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's older adult population is  
growing rapidly and at a constantly increasing pace. The State  
has responded by putting initiatives in place to build  
infrastructure for eldercare, which focuses principally on the  
medically-defined needs of the frail, disabled, and dependent  
populations. Although these initiatives are vital to the health  
and well-being of Hawaii's older person population that is frail



or dependent on caregivers, your Committee finds they do not address the needs of the elderly population that remains active and independent. For these individuals, a policy of active aging and promoting high cognitive and physical function and maintaining engagement in life, rather than solely focusing on avoiding disease and disability, may be more appropriate.

This measure requests the Executive Office on Aging to respond to the needs of the active aging population by updating its 2013 white paper on active aging to create a new social policy paradigm centered on active aging. Your Committee notes the Executive Office on Aging's concern that additional funding is necessary to update the 2013 white paper. However, your Committee encourages the Executive Office on Aging to partner with community groups including but not limited to Caring Across Generations, University of Hawaii Center on Aging, or Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs to begin developing an active aging plan. Your Committee finds that if an active aging plan is developed, the Legislature may be more open in the future to entertaining a request for funding to complete the update to the 2013 white paper.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments, including in its title, 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.R. No. 83, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 83, 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  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**CPH**

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SR 83	CPH	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 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)	/			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)				/
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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