



**LATE**

To: Honorable Chair John M. Mizuno  
Honorable Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi  
Members of the House Committee on Health

From: Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

RE: **Testimony in SUPPORT of HR175 / HCR194 Requesting the United States Congress to Adopt Legislation Providing Expanded and Improved Medicare for All.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure; the Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports reforms that would move Hawai'i and the nation closer to truly universal, cost-effective health care. This resolution would urge Congress to adopt legislation to allow for an expanded and improved version of the Medicare program to be offered.

Please pass HR175 and HCR194.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Marion Poirier  
Vice Chair, Health Committee,  
Democratic Party of Hawai'i

**HR-175**

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 9:30:37 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/21/2019 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE the resolutions (HR175/HCR194) as they are unaffordable intrusions on the ability of citizens to control their own health care through arranging and contracting with insurance carriers or directly with providers.

No cost estimate has been provided for H.R. 1384. It appears from various sources that the cost would be in the range \$2.5 - \$3.5 TRILLION per year. This is unaffordable. It should be noted that the benefits offered in H.R. 1384 are not the benefits of "Medicare" but are greatly expanded to include prescriptions and long term care. There is also no co-pay or deductible. So to call this "Medicare" for all is really a lie. It's government rationing of care for all and makes our hard-working doctors indentured servants of the government.

H.R 1384 extends benefits to all RESIDENTS (not citizens or even lawful residents). We should not be providing free medical care (including long term care) to persons in the country illegally.

H.R. 1384 exempts Dept of Veterans Affairs Health Benefits Administration (VA medical system). If this "Medicare for ALL" is so great, why would you continue the VA system?

Don't ask Congress to turn the United States into the next Venezuela. Hold these resolutions in committee.

Scott Smart

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**HR-175**

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 1:15:19 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Vote NO on HR175. Competition makes products better and less expensive. One payer systems will drive down quality and drive up costs. Think about the poor quality of service that veterans were given. Medicare for all eliminates any options. Nothing is free. People will be paying for it indirectly. Furthermore, it makes medical doctors "slaves" of the state. Doctors have one of the most important and stressful jobs -- yet this would discourage anyone from going into the profession. We have a doctor shortage and this will make it worse. As it is, the oppressive dictates of the government are driving our best and brightest from selecting a medical career. Stop meddling with one of our most important services. We don't want to lose our choices of medical care. Under no circumstance should you pass HR175. That would be a very bad idea. VOTE NO on HR175.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON HR 175, REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS TO ADOPT LEGISLATION PROVIDING EXPANDED AND  
IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
THURSDAY, MARCH 21  
8:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM 329

Chairman Mizuno, Vice Chair B. Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donna Van Osdol, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women. We strongly oppose this bill because we all know that it is part of the Socialist Democratic agenda and the UN's Agenda 2030. The introduction of bills like these, if enacted, will eventually turn this state and country into Socialism.

REMEMBER, VLADIMIR LENIN SAID, "THE GOAL OF SOCIALISM IS COMMUNISM."

As a reminder, Medicare is a program that is part of Social Security and is given to those who are 65 years-old or those who are incapacitated because of a serious illness. It is already a costly program, so why should everyone be entitled to it? If programs like these are enacted, we will become a country where everything is free at the cost of the middle-class person. No one will have the motivation to work.

More importantly, this bill will eventually lead to universal health care, and, heaven forbid, universal basic income. Everyone who has seen videos all know that universal health care is a terrible, terrible system, because people simply do not get health care, and thousands have died waiting for care. Look at Canada! Look at England! This resolution is the start of something very evil, because socialism is evil. Economically, socialistic programs have devastated countries. Please don't say that Sweden is a successful socialistic state. It is not.

Socialism is the antithesis of the Constitution of the United States of America!

Our young legislators have been taught in colleges that socialistic programs are good. They are not. They are egregiously costly. Bills and resolutions like these will simply bankrupt this country. Venezuela is a perfect example of how socialism does not work.

We must seriously consider the future ramifications of resolutions like these because the end result is: Do we want to become a socialistic state?

As someone who has lived through the cold war, my answer is no.