

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1582-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2022

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RE: H.C.R. No. 89
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 89 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EMPLOY THE TEAM 6B CONTACT TRACING TEAM AS PERMANENT STAFF AND HIRE OTHER MEMBERS FROM THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH INEQUITIES THAT EXIST AND CREATE BETTER ACCESS TO CULTURALLY RELEVANT PROGRAMS FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Urge the Department of Health to employ the Team 6B contact tracing team as permanent staff and hire other members from the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities in an effort to address the health inequities that exist and create better access to culturally relevant programs for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders; and
- (2) Request the Department of Health to create a diverse hiring plan and submit a report of its progress to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander COVID-19 Hawai'i Response, Recovery, and Resilience Team; and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health created the Team 6B contact tracing team in October 2020 to provide critical outreach to Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islander communities that were disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Committee further finds that the work of Team 6B and the hiring of underserved and marginalized community members by the Department of Health proved successful in drastically decreasing the number of COVID-19 cases in the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. This measure urges the Department of Health to continue and expand its efforts to address the health inequities that exist for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and create better access to culturally relevant programs for these communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 89, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 89, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health, Human
Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 89	Committee Referral: HHH, JHA	Date: 03-29-2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	/			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (7)	7			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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