

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3601

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 208  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 208 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS AND HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING MEDICARE FOR ALL,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United  
States Congress and Hawaii's congressional delegation to support  
legislation establishing Medicare for All.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Democratic  
Party of Hawai'i Health Committee, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the coronavirus disease 2019  
pandemic led to record levels of unemployment and the loss of  
employer-sponsored health insurance for hundreds of thousands of  
Hawaii's workers. Your Committees further find that people often  
delay needed medical treatments due to an inability to pay for  
health care costs, which further jeopardizes the health of those  
individuals. Under a single-payer health care system, non-medical  
expenses nationwide could be reduced to approximately six to eight  
percent of total health care costs, saving more than one trillion  
dollars. Therefore, this measure urges the United States




Congress, including Hawaii's congressional delegation, to support legislation establishing Medicare for All.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 208, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 208, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, Chair





