

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 205

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 205 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING ONGOING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BY STATE AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE "HEP FREE 2030" STATEWIDE STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE VIRAL HEPATITIS TYPES A, B, AND C IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to recognize and support ongoing collaborative efforts by state agencies and private organizations to implement the "Hep Free 2030" statewide strategy to eliminate viral hepatitis types A, B, and C in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hep Free Hawai'i, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, and fifteen individuals.

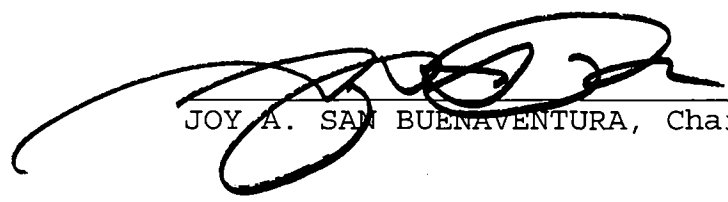
Your Committee finds that Hawaii has one of the highest incidences and mortality rates in the country for liver cancer, primarily due to viral hepatitis. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Health has been partnering closely with a wide array of state and community partners to address this public health priority as a member of the Hep Free Hawaii coalition since 2011, and in 2020, the United States Senators for Hawaii, Lieutenant Governor, and Harm Reduction Services Branch of the Department of Health issued "Hep Free 2030", a first-in-the-



nation, ten-year statewide strategy to help eliminate viral hepatitis types A, B, and C in Hawaii. This measure formally recognizes and supports the ongoing collaboration among public agencies and private organizations to further implement the "Hep Free 2030" statewide strategy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 205, and recommends its adoption.

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




JOY A. SAM BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 205	Committee Referral: HHS	Date: 04/12/23		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	/			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
AWA, Brenton				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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