

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1856

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 , 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 185

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 185 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED
MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN
HEALING AND CULTURAL PRACTICES OFFERED THROUGH FEDERALLY
QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the State Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of a proposed policy to mandate health insurance coverage for Native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices offered through Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). This assessment is in response to House Bill No. 641, which proposes expanding existing health insurance mandates to include such practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your committee received comments for this measure from Papa Ola Lokahi.

Your Committee finds that Native Hawaiian healing and cultural practices play a vital role in holistic healthcare and community well-being. Assessing the social and financial impacts of mandatory insurance coverage for these services at federally

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qualified health centers will help determine feasibility, benefits, and potential cost savings. This study supports equitable healthcare access while recognizing the cultural and therapeutic value of traditional healing practices.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 185 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 185	Committee Referral: HLT, JHA	Date: 04/01/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au			✓	
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.		✓		
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	8	1	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>David Carnes</u>				
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