

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1652

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 , 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 32

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 32 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN ORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE TO REVIEW INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF ORAL HEALTH IN THE STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to convene an oral health task force to review information on the status of oral health in the state and make recommendation to improve oral health infrastructure in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Disability and Communication Access Board, the Hawaii Dental Association. Your Committee received testimony offering comments on this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Education, Hawaii Oral Health Coalition, Respiratory and Environmental Disabilities Association of Hawaii, and one Individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the task force;

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- (2) Requesting the task force to submit an interim report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2024;
- (3) Requesting the Department of Health to submit a final report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2025; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the testimony submitted by the Hawaii Dental Association that recommends the membership of the task force include more dentists and that at least one dentist from each county should be invited to serve on the Oral Health Task Force.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 32, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 32, H.D. 1.

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


DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



