

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 952

H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 952
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Parkinson's
Disease Research Collection Database within the Department of
Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Speech, Swallowing, &
Voice Specialists of Hawaii; Hawai'i Parkinson Association; The
Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research; Hawai'i Speech-
Language-Hearing Association; Parkinson's Foundation; The Queen's
Health Systems; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Parkinson's disease is a
neurodegenerative disease that affects approximately one million
people in the United States. There is no cure or treatment to
stop or reverse the progression of the disease. Your Committee
further finds that collecting critical research data is the first
step to better understanding Parkinson's disease, particularly
with respect to estimating the incidence and prevalence of
Parkinson's disease across various population groups. Your

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Committee believes that establishing a data collection database on the incidences of Parkinson's disease in the State will greatly assist public health agencies in identifying trends across various population groups and help improve provider education, improve understanding of the disease, and assess treatment effectiveness over time.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 952, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 952, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair



