STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1445-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: H.C.R. No. 80

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 80 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT CHANGES TO THE MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request that the President and Congress of the United States adopt changes to the Medicare Part D program to, among other things:

- (1) Require drug plans to drop coverage of drugs only after advance notice;
- (2) Standardize the formulary design;
- (3) Make the Medicare Part D program drug registration policies consistent with those of Medicare and the Veteran's Administration; and
- (4) Prevent unfair fines and penalties for seniors who fail to enroll in a timely manner as a result of being unable to navigate the complexities of this program.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association supported this concurrent resolution.

Your Committees find that the Medicare Part D program is extremely complex and difficult to understand. This creates undue stress and anxiety for those forced to choose medical care and drug plans from the numerous plans offered. The Medicare Part D program needs to be changed to offer clear, easy to understand solutions for those who must use it.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 80 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

ALEX M. SONSON, Chair

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.:		Date:	1/2/1				
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Committee Referral:			☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended		☐ Pass, with amendments					
	 Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration 						
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused		
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)	ایا					
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC	C)						
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R							
4. HALE, Heléne H.							
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.							
6. SONSON, Alex M.							
7. HALFORD, Chris							
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TOTAL		6	0	0	1		
The recommendation is:	Adopted						
	☐ Not Adopted						
	If joint referral,		did not suppo	ort recommendation			
committee acronym(s)							
Vice Chair's or designee's signa	iture:						
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HCD SO	Date:	13/06			
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments				
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	X				
2. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (VC)					
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	X				
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	χ		wagose zanigenjadoski saakkabisaski s		
5. HALE, Heléne H.	<u> </u>				
6. KAHIKINA, Michael Puamamo	<u> </u>			on and the second s	
7. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C.	X				
8. HALFORD, Chris 9. STONEBRAKER, Bud	X			7 000	
TOTAL	7	0	0	2	
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral, co	ommittee acronym	did not suppor	t recommendation.		
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