STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1300 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Yearh 31, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 85

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 85 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE METHODS OF EXPANDING ACCESS TO QUALITY END-OF-LIFE, PALLIATIVE CARE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to increase the options and quality of care available to a person and their family when a person is diagnosed with a terminal disease by requesting the Insurance Commissioner to investigate methods of expanding access to quality palliative care.

The Hawaii Family Forum and Hawaii Catholic Conference supported this concurrent resolution. Kokua Mau supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs opposed this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee finds that it is important that a person diagnosed with a terminal illness be afforded all available comfort and care options as soon as possible to ensure a high quality of life for the person and their family during the remaining time they share together. This care should be available for all people in Hawaii regardless of their health insurance coverage or lack thereof because we all have a right to compassionate care.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 85 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI. Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

HCR 85	Date:	13/23/06			
Committee Referral:		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments				
☐ Hold	Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)					
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)	'				
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.					
4. HALE, Heléne H.					
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.					
6. SONSON, Alex M.					
7. HALFORD, Chris					
TOTAL	フ	0	0	0	
The recommendation is:	•				
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☐ Not Adopted					
If joint referral,	•	did not suppo	ort recommendation		
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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