STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1843 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.C.R. No. 147

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 147 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ALLOW ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE COMPONENT TO ACCESS THE TRICARE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to urge Congress to authorize and appropriate funds to allow all members of the armed forces reserve component to access TRICARE health benefit coverage on a cost-share basis, without restrictions.

The Department of Defense, Hawaii National Guard Association, Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure.

Your Committee finds that the issue of medical readiness exists in the National Guard and, during mobilization, the number one reason for soldiers being rated non-deployable was a medical one. Allowing members of the National Guard and Reserves to have unrestricted access to TRICARE coverage would greatly enhance their personnel readiness.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 147 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs,

KEN ITO, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 147 (SSCR 3255)	Date:	pril 20, 2006	5	
Committee Referral: PSM	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended  Hold	Pass, with amendments  Recommit			
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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1. ITO, Ken (C) 2. CHONG, Pono (VC)				
3. LEE, Marilyn B.				
4. NAKASONE, Bob				
5. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	1			
6. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
7. TANAKA, Kameo				
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. MOSES, Mark S.				
10. STONEBRAKER, Bud				
TOTAL	0			2
TOTAL	8			7
The recommendation is:  Adopted  Not Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  Committee acronym(s)  Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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