STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3724

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 80

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, 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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the President of the United States and Congress to adopt changes to the Medicare Part D program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association and the Mental Health Association.

Your Committee finds that the Medicare Part D program that has been in place for several months continues to have major complications. Low-income elderly and disabled individuals have endured unnecessary hardships due to the program's complex guidelines, processing problems, and penalties.

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. 80, and recommends its adoption.

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

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Health (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* HCR 80	Committee Ref	erral:	Date: 4/19/06		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is to:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)					
Members		Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
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HANABUSA, Colleen		·			<b>/</b>
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Thank Chun Calland					
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