STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1715

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2007 H.C.R. No. 53

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 53 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE COUNTIES TO FORM PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE STATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO COVER HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND OVERHEAD COSTS FOR PRIMARY CARE AND SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS PRACTICING MEDICINE IN HAWAII'S RURAL AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to encourage the formation of public-private partnerships to cover certain costs related to providing healthcare services for the medically underserved in rural areas of the State.

Your Committee finds that providing proper healthcare services in rural areas, particularly on the neighbor islands, has become increasingly difficult. Physicians cannot work costefficiently and the wages of employees in the healthcare industry are too low to retain the employees. The combination of low wages and high overhead costs has resulted in critical healthcare shortages, with any providers leaving the State.

Your Committee finds that encouraging public-private partnerships to provide financial assistance in establishing healthcare infrastructure and reducing costs for healthcare providers will lead to an improvement of the healthcare system statewide and will enable health care providers to offer primary

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care and specialty healthcare services in rural and medically underserved areas of the State.

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. 53 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

OHN Mizuno, Acting Chair & Vice Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR V3	Date:	3-20-	-07		
Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	☐ The comprevious	☐ 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. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	V /				
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	V				
3. BELATTI, Della Au					
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	V				
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				V	
6. RHOADS, Karl	V				
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	V				
8. TAKAI, K. Mark					
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani					
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	V				
TOTAL	9			2	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	ommittee acronym(s)	ort recommendation	•	
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