

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1409

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 169  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 169 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LONG TERM CARE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF INCREASING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO HOSPITALS FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE WAITLISTED FOR LONG TERM CARE AND TO LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES TO ACCEPT WAITLISTED PATIENTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Long Term Care Commission to conduct a study of increasing Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals for patients who are waitlisted for long-term care and to long-term care facilities to accept waitlisted patients.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Long Term Care Commission, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Disability Rights Center. Written testimony presented to your Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that on any given day there is an average of 200 patients in hospitals who have been treated, and are well enough to be transferred to long-term care, but are waitlisted because long-term care is not available. Patients may be waitlisted for several days, or even a year, and this creates a serious financial drain on hospitals. The average number of long-term beds available in the nation is 47 per 1000 people over

2009-2049 SCR SSCR SMA.doc



the age of 65, however, Hawaii averages only 23 per 1000 people. The shortage of long-term care beds in Hawaii is due to the high costs of construction and operation mismatched with low payments for services. A study on increasing Medicaid reimbursements will provide insight into the steps that need to be taken to alleviate this problem.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purpose of consistency and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 169, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1.

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

*David Y. Ige*

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

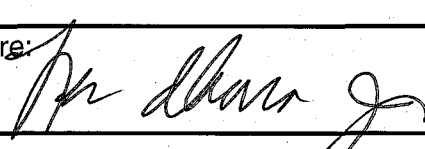
*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 169</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HMS/HTH</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4/7/09</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">  </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Distribution:</b>            Original            File with Committee Report         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           Yellow            Clerk's Office         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           Pink            Drafting Agency         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">           Goldenrod            Committee File Copy         </div> </div>				

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SCR 169</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">HMS / HTH</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">4-7-9</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
<b>Distribution:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>Original File with Committee Report</div> <div>Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div>Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div>Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes