

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 516
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 516, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and standardize existing laws regarding end-of-life care and advanced directives to ensure that emergency services personnel and first responders can comply with the patient's wishes.

This measure would use a standardized form called the "physician orders for life-sustaining treatment" form, to transform a person's advance directive into a medical order that would be accepted by all health care settings.

Your Committee finds that emergency services personnel are mandated by law to attempt resuscitation unless the person has a state issued comfort care only, do not resuscitate bracelet or necklace. However, these bracelets are only issued to individuals who have a terminal condition. Many community members mistakenly believe that their advanced health care directive or living will is enough to prevent an unwanted attempt at resuscitation by emergency responders. Your Committee believes that this measure will help ensure that a person's end-of-life wishes are followed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached



to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 516, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 516, SD1	HTH, JGO	3/2/09
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓	
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓	
BUNDA, Robert		
GABBARD, Mike	✓	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓	
SLOM, Sam	✓	
TOTAL	5	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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