

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1116

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 70
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 70 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO PLAN THE
CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING PROCESS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH
WORKERS TO HELP ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF POOR
HEALTH THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECT LOW-INCOME, MINORITY
POPULATIONS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Human Services to convene a task force to plan the
certification and training process for community health workers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Kula no na Po'e Hawaii 'o
Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine; Hawai'i Public Health Institute,
University of Hawai'i System, Kau Rural Health Community
Association, Inc.; and seven individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and
the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that during the coronavirus disease 2019
pandemic, many rural areas in the State were disconnected and
unable to receive adequate health care services. Your Committee
also finds that when rural communities struggled with



connectivity, transportation, and financial obligations, community health workers provided a critical lifeline to ensuring that residents' health care needs were met. Your Committee further finds that families living in rural areas comprise diverse communities, including varying income, level of service availability, ethnicities, ages, living arrangements, and citizenship status, many of whom face language and cultural barriers that require specialized access to assistance and technology regarding health care issues. Accordingly, your Committee finds that increasing the number of community health care workers and standardizing their certification and training will help address these issues.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the request to have the Department of Human Services convene a task force;
- (2) Requesting the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on the licensing and certification of community health workers;
- (3) Changing the title to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 70, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 70, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

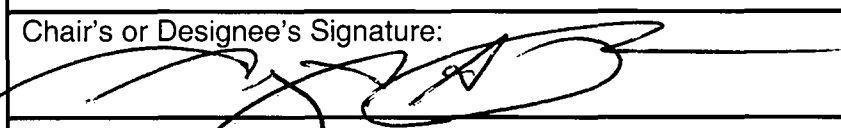


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
<i>SCR 70</i>	<i>HMS</i>	<i>03/18/2021</i>
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	<i>/</i>	
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	<i>/</i>	
ACASIO, Laura	<i>/</i>	
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	<i>/</i>	
FEVELLA, Kurt	<i>/</i>	
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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