Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 , 2024

RE: H.R. No. 56 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was referred H.R. No. 56 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to convene a Stakeholder Working Group to make recommendations to enhance meaningful access to health care in the State through the provision of language assistance services.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Office of Language Access; AlohaCare; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawaii Public Health Institute; Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center; Kula no na Po`e Hawaii o Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services; and six individuals. Your committee received comments from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting language adding the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to the working group; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 56, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 56, H.D. 1.

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

ELLA AU BELATTI, Chai:

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

HSCR 1455-24

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness**

Bill/Resolution No.: HR56	Committee Referral:		Date: 3/20/24	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)				
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)				
3. AMATO, Terez				
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	<b>√</b>			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand			EVANAL OF	
6. MARTEN, Lisa				
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7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	V			
8. GARCIA, Diamond				
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TOTAL (8)	7	0	0	1
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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