

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 12
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 12 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP MINIMUM
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING
PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Health to convene a task force to identify and develop minimum professional standards for community health worker training programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Community Health Worker Association; Kula no nā Po'e Hawai'i; Ka'u Rural Health Community Association, Inc.; National Association of Community Health Workers; AlohaCare; and six individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Papa Ola Lōkahi.

Your Committee finds that community health workers are vital links between their home communities and medical and public health resources. Your Committee further finds that ensuring proper



training standards for community health workers will strengthen workforce quality and improve health equity across the State. This measure convenes a task force to develop professional standards for community health worker training programs to ensure that all community health workers receive standardized, high-quality training that equips them with the necessary knowledge and skills.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding to the membership of the task force one representative from each of the following organizations:
 - (A) Papa Ola Lokahi;
 - (B) Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Community Health Worker Alliance;
 - (C) Hawaii Primary Care Association; and
 - (D) A community-based grassroots organization, such as Ka'u Rural Health Community Association, Inc.; and
- (2) 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 Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 12, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 12, S.D. 1.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



Record of Votes
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