

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 19, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 131

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 131 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AND FACILITATE A BLUE RIBBON PANEL TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF ALL OF HAWAII'S ACUTE CARE AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NECESSARY EXPANSION OF SUCH FACILITIES FOR THE STATE BETWEEN NOW AND THE YEAR 2020,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to address the problem of the adequate supply of acute care and long-term care facility space and ensure access to quality care at the appropriate level for all of Hawaii's residents by requesting the director of health to convene and facilitate a blue ribbon panel to perform a comprehensive inventory of all of Hawaii's acute care and long-term care facilities and to make recommendations for necessary expansion of such facilities for the state between now and the year 2020.

The Hawaii County Council County of Hawai'i, Hawaii Pacific Health, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Hawaii Long Term Care Association supports this concurrent resolution. The Department of Health submitted comments.



Your Committee notes that this work group is to provide basic information and is the first step to gaining more insight for future initiatives.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 131 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



