

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

806

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2013

RE: S.B. No. 666
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 666, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the emergency services patient advocate program to assist and advocate on behalf of patients receiving emergency medical care.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Community Alliance for Mental Health and two individuals. Kaiser Permanente submitted written comments in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that the experience of having to go to the emergency room either for oneself or because of a family member or friend is often very traumatic for people. Establishing an emergency services patient advocate program will assist individuals and families in making informed decisions about medical care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating unspecified sums to the Department of Health for the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium to fund the emergency services patient advocate program; and



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 666, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 666, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

David Y. ICE

DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB 666 SD1	HTH/JDL, WAM	2-27-13
<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	
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		✓
ESPERO, Will	✓	
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓	
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.		✓
SLOM, Sam	✓	
TOTAL	10	0
0	3	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>		
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