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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 663

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 663, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SOLEMN COVENANT OF THE STATES TO AWARD PRIZES FOR CURING DISEASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enact an interstate compact to award prizes for the curing of diseases.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the goal of medical research is to develop safe and effective methods to prevent, detect, diagnose, treat, and ultimately cure various diseases. Spurring the development and innovation of new cures for major diseases has the potential to save lives, save the State millions of dollars in health care costs, and improve the standard of living for residents of the State and throughout the world. However, your Committee believes additional information is needed prior to joining an interstate compact.

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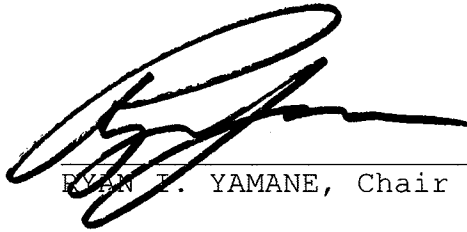


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting provisions that require the Department of Health to establish a task force to study the feasibility of entering into the solemn covenant of the states to award prizes for curing diseases;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 663, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 663, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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