

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1895

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1895 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the artificial shortage of available dialysis centers caused by the delayed certification process by appropriating funds to assist the Department of Health in reviewing, certifying, and recertifying dialysis centers in Hawaii.

The Office of the Governor; National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawaii Kupuna Caucus; Liberty Dialysis; and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Health offered comments.

Your Committee notes that the Office of the Governor has requested this measure move through the legislative process to facilitate more discussion. The Office of the Governor also requested that this measure be passed with a clean effective date and that the appropriation remain blank until such time that the Governor can prepare a recommendation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of



H.B. No. 1895 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



