

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1219

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 09 , 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 28

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 28 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS HAWAII KIDNEY AWARENESS MONTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to raise public awareness of the dangers posed by chronic kidney disease by designating the month of March as Hawaii Kidney Awareness Month.

The Department of Health, The Queen's Health System, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, U.S. Renal Care, Chronic Disease Coalition, National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Association, and several concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee notes that chronic kidney disease is one of the deadliest threats to the health and wellbeing of our communities. It is regarded by some as a "silent killer," as most individuals afflicted are unaware they have it and symptoms don't usually manifest until its later stages. Left untreated, chronic kidney disease progresses through five stages, the final of which is known as end stage kidney disease, which must be treated with kidney replacement or dialysis.

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Your Committee also notes that minority populations suffer disproportionately from this disease. According to the National Kidney Foundation, black Americans are almost four times as likely as white Americans to develop kidney failure, and studies have shown that Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders living in the U.S. and Pacific territories have even higher rates of end stage kidney disease incidence.

In addition, because many local residents suffer from diabetes and high blood pressure, the two leading causes of kidney failure, chronic kidney disease is a particularly dangerous menace to the people of Hawaii. Hawaii's kidney failure rate is thirty percent higher than the national rate.

In light of the silent danger posed by chronic kidney disease and its prevalence in Hawaii, your Committee finds that increasing public awareness of this disease and promoting early testing and medical intervention will help to improve health outcomes for our communities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 28 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,

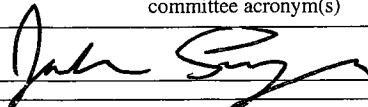
  
MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-second Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 28</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPC</b>	Date: <b>3/8/2023</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				/
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia				/
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				/
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.				/
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
10. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
11. PIERICK, Elijah	/			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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