

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2043
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that health and human services are provided to those in need by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Human Services to set the Medically Needy Income Standard at the maximum allowed under federal Medicaid requirements; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for state Medicaid programs.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the State must comply with federal statutes and regulations that govern the Medicaid program in order to receive federal financial participation that helps fund Hawaii's Medicaid program. As this bill moves forward, consideration should be given to including the Medicaid spenddown program in this measure to truly serve Hawaii's needy population.

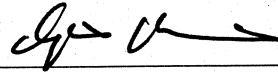
Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



