

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2103
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2103
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish the Hawaii Health
Authority to work toward developing a single-payer, universal
healthcare program that will provide healthcare for all Hawaii
citizens.

The Kokua Council, Physicians for a National Health Program,
and several concerned individuals supported this bill. ILWU Local
142 and a concerned individual supported the intent of this
measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Kaiser
Permanente, and Healthcare Association of Hawaii opposed this
bill. The Department of Human Services submitted comments.

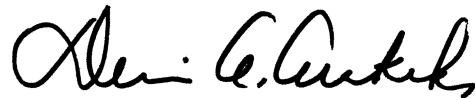
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to \$1 to encourage further
discussion on this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity,
consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2103, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2103, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



