

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2592  
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. 2592  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate access to health  
care services by requiring the State Health Planning and  
Development Agency (SHPDA) to publish a free health care map  
displaying the location of all health care providers in the state  
and including their:

- (1) Services and scope of practice;
- (2) Type of insurance accepted;
- (3) Language spoken; and
- (4) Addresses and telephone numbers.

The Hawaii Medical Services Association and Hawaii  
Psychiatric Medical Association supported this bill. SHPDA  
suggested amendments to this measure.

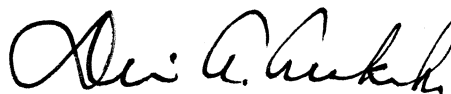


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the requirement for SHPDA to publish a free health map and the appropriation of funds for that purpose;
- (2) Requiring SHPDA to develop and maintain a statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and database;
- (3) Appropriating \$1 for this purpose, and to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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. 2592, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2592, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



