

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2647
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2647, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

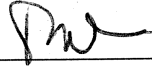
The purpose of this bill is to improve the health and safety of public employees by establishing a coordinated care system option to provide medical and rehabilitative services for workers' compensation cases involving public employees.

Kaiser Permanente testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Resources Development supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Chapter, American Physical Therapy Association opposed this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, ILWU Local 142, and American Accreditation Healthcare Commission/URAC offered comments.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2647, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.



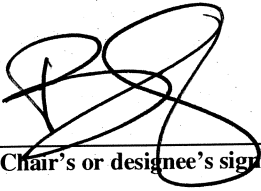
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2647 HDI		Date: 2/15/06		
Committee Referral: LAB, CPC, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	✓			
2. SCHATZ, Brian (VC)	✓			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	✓/✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. KANOHO, Ezra R.	✓			
6. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				✓
7. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
8. SONSON, Alex M.				✓
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓/✓			
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
11. STONEBRAKER, Bud		✓		
TOTAL	8	1		2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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