

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2670  
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2670, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve health care in Hawaii by establishing the Hawaii Health Authority (Authority). Specifically, this bill:

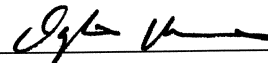
- (1) Specifies that the Authority is to be responsible for overall health planning for the State and determining future capacity needs of health providers, facilities, equipment, and support services providers; and
- (2) Requires the Authority to develop and submit to the Legislature a comprehensive health plan that includes coverage for all individuals in the state.

The National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter, The League of Women Voters Hawaii, Hawaii Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Plan, Americans for Democratic Action, Hawaii Chapter, Christian Science Committee on Publication, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. ILWU Local 142 supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Budget and Finance, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Kaiser Permanente opposed this bill.



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. 2670, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



