

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2879

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. 2879
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

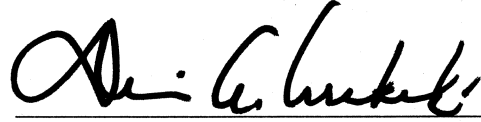
The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's consumers
from excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory health
insurance rates by making permanent the Insurance Commissioner's
oversight of health insurance premium rates.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii
Association of Realtors, Summerlin Life & Health Insurance
Company, and a concerned individual testified in support of this
measure. The Hawaii Medical Service Association, Kaiser
Permanente, and Hawaii Pacific Health opposed this measure.

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.
2879 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to
the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



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

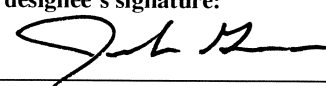


DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2879		Date: 02/02/06		
Committee Referral: HLT		<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				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)	✓			
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
4. HALE, Heléne H.	✓			
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
6. SONSON, Alex M.		✓		
7. HALFORD, Chris	✓			
TOTAL	6	1	0	0
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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