

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2910

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2910 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide health care coverage for Hawaii's uninsured residents by:

- (1) Prohibiting the Department of Human Services (DHS) from imposing any cap on enrollment in the State's QUEST Program; and
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified sum to pay for this expanded health care coverage;


thereby enabling income- and asset-eligible adults to enroll in the QUEST Program.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center testified in support of this bill. DHS also supported this bill, provided that its passage does not affect priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget. The Hawaii Uninsured Project offered comments.

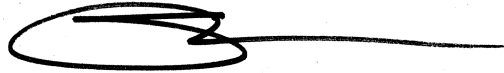


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2910 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



