

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3270
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 3270, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

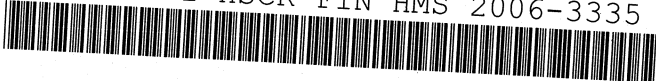
begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect the health and welfare of Hawaii's people by:

- (1) Ensuring that federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics receive minimum payment for services provided to certain uninsured patients, such as QUEST and medicaid patients, by incorporating a prospective payment mechanism into state law; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to the Department of Health (DOH) to provide medical care to the uninsured through nonprofit, community-based health care providers.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii, Hamakua Health Center, Inc., Waikiki Health Center, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Molokai Ohana Health Care, Inc., Ko'olauloa Community Health and Wellness Center, Bay Clinic, Inc., National Association of Social Workers, and several concerned individuals testified in support of

SB3270 HD1 HSCR FIN HMS 2006-3335



this bill. DOH and the Department of Human Services supported the intent of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General submitted comments.

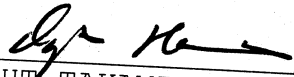
Your Committee believes that federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics serve crucial functions in providing health care to our community populations. However, your Committee wishes to raise the concern that the payment mechanisms referred to in this measure are currently funded by federal matching funds, and there may be a time when such funds are no longer available. Under the provisions set forth in this measure, the State may then be required to continue a certain level of payments, despite the loss of federal matching funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 3270, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3270, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

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




DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

HSCR 1648-06

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 3270, SD2		Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">4.4.06</div>		
Committee Referral: HLT/HUS, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
2. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C. (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHONG, Pono	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
7. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				✓
8. NAKASONE, Bob	✓			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
10. TANAKA, Kameo	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. MEYER, Colleen Rose	✓			
16. MOSES, Mark S.		✓		
17. PINE, Kymberly	✓			
18. STEVENS, Anne V.	✓			
TOTAL	15	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: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
Distribution: Original (White) – Committee Duplicate (Yellow) – HMSO Duplicate (Pink) – Clerk's Office				