

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2043
H.D. 2
S.D. 3
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that health and human services are provided to those in need by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to disregard the amount of income equal to the difference between 133 percent of the assistance allowance and 100 percent of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually by the federal government, in determining eligibility for assistance;
- (2) Appropriating funds for state Medicaid programs; and



- (3) Prohibiting DHS from requiring an individual enrolled in the QUEST program to re-enroll and select a QUEST health plan, unless the QUEST health plan ceases to actively continue providing services and coverage to its members.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by removing its substance and replacing it with contents that establish provisions for request for proposals considered by DHS with regard to QUEST health plans. This measure will go into effect upon its approval.

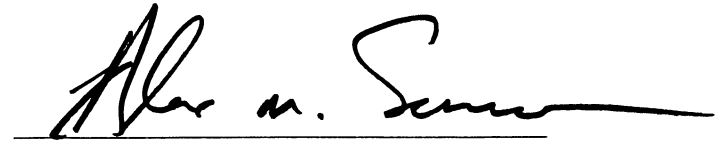
As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1.

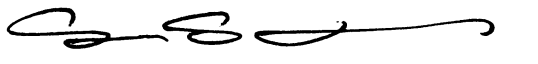
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair


ALEX M. SONSON, Co-Chair


SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Co-Chair

EXCUSED
DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Co-Chair


DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.

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Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne, Chr.	✓				SONSON, Alex M., Co-Chr.	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S., Co-Chr.	✓				ARAKAKI, Dennis A., Co-Chr.				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓				TAKAMINE, Dwight Y., Co-Chr.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian	✓				GREEN, Josh, M.D.	✓			
SLOM, Sam					FINNEGAN, Lynn		✓		WR
TOTAL	4	0	0	0	TOTAL	3	0	0	1

4/29-06
David
BT
12:06am

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 	House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:
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