

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2060

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3020  
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3020, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow part-time, temporary, and seasonal or casual employees of the State, who do not already have health insurance coverage, to be eligible for health insurance benefits under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee finds that, according to the University of Hawaii Social Science Research Institute, approximately six thousand civilian government employees in Hawaii are without health insurance. Many of these public employees are without health insurance due to their employment status as part-time or temporary employees. Under existing law, the state and county governments are exempt from the Prepaid Health Care Act, which requires private employers to provide health insurance coverage to their employees. As a result, the State or a county need not provide health insurance coverage to its temporary or part-time employees. Part-time or temporary public employees are also specifically excluded from coverage under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee also finds that current labor shortages and the need for individuals who are specially trained has necessitated the utilization of an increased number of less than

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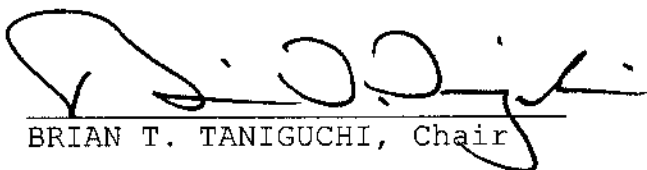


ninety-day hires, as well as part-time employees, thus leaving a number of public employees without health insurance coverage. Your Committee believes that, to properly address the issue of providing health insurance coverage to individuals in the State, especially those that the State may hire on contract or as part-time or seasonal employees, the State must first determine the scope of the problem.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended the measure by deleting its substance and inserting provisions that require the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to conduct a study on the cost and other impacts of providing health insurance coverage to part-time, temporary, and seasonal or casual employees of the State who do not already have health insurance coverage.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3020, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3020, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



**The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii**

**Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Ways and Means  
(Bills and Resolutions)**

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 3020 SD1	LBR/ IGA, WAM	2/28/06
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is to:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)		
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)
Nays	Excused	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/	
TSUTSUJ, Shan S. (VC)	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
ESPERO, Will	/	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/	
HOOSER, Gary L.		/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/	
KANNO, Brian		/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/	
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/	
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/	
SAKAMOTO, Norman	/	
HEMMINGS, Fred		/
SLOM, Sam	/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/	
TOTAL	12	0
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Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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