

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1640

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2007

RE: H.B. No. 104
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 104, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to meet rising health care costs and ensure that Hawaii's residents have continued access to quality health care.

This measure accomplishes this purpose by:

- (1) Establishing a process by which medicaid fee-for-service individual provider reimbursement rates are increased annually for inflation;
- (2) Retroactively adjusting for inflation, payments made to providers of hospital outpatient services and other individual providers to account for the lack of a rate increase for the past five years; and
- (3) Appropriating funds:
 - (A) To increase the medicaid fee schedule to one hundred per cent of the medicare fee schedule for the current year;
 - (B) To adjust for inflation payments made to medicaid fee-for-service hospitals during fiscal biennium 2005-2007; and



- (C) For the State's portion of the federal disproportionate share hospital allowance.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from Hawaii Health Pacific, the Hawaii Medical Services Association, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Hawaii Primary Care Association, and the American Physical Therapy Association, Hawaii chapter. The Department of Human Services and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii offered comments.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by changing all appropriated amounts to unspecified amounts for the purpose of facilitating further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 104, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 104, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.


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


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 104 HD2, SD1	HSP, WAM	3/29/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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