

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1213

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2007

RE: H.B. No. 56
H.D. 3
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 56, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that all residents of Hawaii have health insurance coverage through a single payer health insurance system.

Specifically, this measure establishes that the Hawaii Health Commission shall be responsible for the development of a comprehensive health plan for the State. The Commission is to determine future capacity needs of health care providers, facilities, equipment, and support service providers.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Healthcare Association of Hawaii, the Kokua Council, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, the Political Action Committee for Elections of the National Association of Social Workers, and three individuals. The ILWU Local 42 and the Mayor of the County of Hawaii submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure. Testimony in opposition was received from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and the Hawaii Medical Association.



Your Committees find that an increasing number of residents in the State are uninsured. With the escalating costs of health care, long-term care, insurance premiums, and prescription drugs, a solution needs to be implemented soon so that the most vulnerable populations are assured of quality health care now and in the future.

Your Committees have amended this measure by deleting the provisions regarding waivers and adopting rules.


Your Committees have further amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 56, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 56, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Affordable Housing,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
 Committee on Health
 HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 56 HD3	HTH/CPH, WAM	3/20/07 <i>cmj</i>		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	<i>WA</i>	✓ <i>cmj</i>		
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	2	1		2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Carol Fukunaga</i>				
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