

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 4, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 1996

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1996
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to entice physicians to set up
practice in health professional shortage areas of the state by
establishing Health Enterprise Zones where physicians will be
eligible for income tax exemptions and low interest loans for
constructing a medical facility.

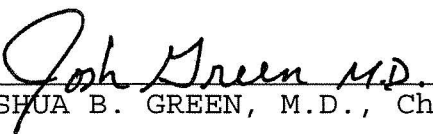
The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Mayor of the County of
Hawaii, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Psychiatric
Medical Association, Hawaii Association of Health Plans, Hawaii
Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Medical Association
supported this bill. The Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii and a
concerned individual supported the intent of this measure. The
Hawaii Primary Care Association supported this bill with
amendments. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism, Department of Taxation, Department of Health, and Tax
Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the
effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further
discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1996, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1996, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 80-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1996	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date: 1-23-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	/			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
7. RHOADS, Karl	/			
x 8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				/
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>John M. ...</i>				
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