

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2170
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2170, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure Hawaii's hospitals remain financially viable by providing fair compensation to:

- (1) Acute care hospitals for the services they provide to Medicaid patients who have recovered sufficiently to be transferred to long-term care, but for whom long-term care is not available; and
- (2) Long-term care facilities for services provided to patients with medically complex conditions.

Additionally, this bill removes regulatory and government mandates that create barriers to transferring waitlisted patients by directing that the Department of Human Services (DHS) make a preliminary or "presumptive determination" to authorize medical assistance in the interval between the application for assistance and the final Medicaid eligibility determination.



The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Long Term Care Association, The Queen's Medical Center, Hawaii Pacific Health, and Hawaii Business Roundtable supported this bill. DHS opposed this measure.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2170, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2170, H.D. 2, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services & Housing,



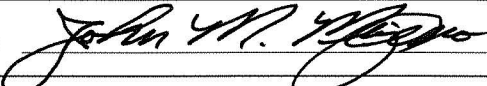
MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2170, HD1	Committee Referral: HLT/ HSH, FIN	Date: 2-13-08		
<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="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	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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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)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)				X
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)	X			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	X			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	X			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	X			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X			
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X			
8. MIZUNO, John	X			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	X			
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1
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