

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2224

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. 2224 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

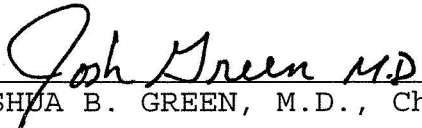
The purpose of this bill is to ensure health care coverage for part-time employees by requiring insurers that offer health care coverage to the regular employees of any group or association to offer the same coverage to part-time employees working at least 15 hours per week.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Service Association supported the intent of this measure. A concerned individual supported this bill with amendments. Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. Kaiser Permanente submitted comments.

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. 2224 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.



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

  
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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



