

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 13, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2286
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. 2286
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EPILEPSY DISEASE ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enhance services for people
affected by epilepsy by:

- (1) Creating the Epilepsy Treatment and Education Grants-in-aid Fund to help epilepsy victims and families;
- (2) Creating an advisory committee to recommend to the Department of Health (DOH) possible treatment and education programs.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Caregivers Institute for Social Responsibility, Queen's Medical Center Epilepsy Center, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Centers for Independent Living supported this measure with amendments. DOH opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Creating an Epilepsy Networking Task Force to establish a program to link networks on epilepsy, provide epilepsy education, awareness, and treatment initiatives designed

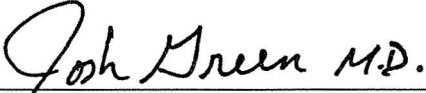


to address service gaps and treatment needs of the people affected by epilepsy;

- (2) Changing the effective date to "upon its approval"; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2286, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2286, 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 358-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2286	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date: 2-8-08		
<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	✓			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input 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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