

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2291
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. 2291
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make health care accessible
for the people of Hawaii by establishing the State Health
Authority (Authority) to develop a plan to provide health care for
all residents of Hawaii.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department
of the Attorney General, Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii
Medical Association, and concerned individuals opposed this bill.
The Hawaii Association of Health Plans submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Delaying the date on which the Authority becomes the
designated state Medicaid agency from January 1, 2009,
to January 1, 2011;
- (2) Delaying the date of implementation of the health plan
from January 1, 2010, to January 1, 2012;
- (3) Delaying the time by which the Authority must submit its
plan, proposal, and legislation to the legislature from

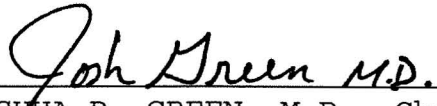


at least 20 days before the Regular Session of 2009 to
at least 20 days before the Regular Session of 2011;

- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 2291, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2291, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



JOSEPH B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 182-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2291	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 1-30-08		
<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.			✓	JH
TOTAL (10)	8		1	1 <i>JH</i>
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; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>John M. ...</i>				
Distribution: Original (White) – Committee Duplicate (Yellow) – Chief Clerk's Office				