

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 546 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2315
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 Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2315 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure access to needed dental services by requiring Medicaid rates of payment to dentists to be based on the 75th percentile of the usual, customary, and reasonable fee established by insurers for services provided by dentists.

The Hawaii Dental Association supported this bill. The Department of Human Services (DHS) submitted comments.

Your Committees heard testimony provided by DHS stating that the increase in payment to dentists provided by this bill will result in an annual cost increase of approximately 43.5 percent or about \$2,900,000, \$1,300,000 of which will be state funds.

Your Committees have amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 1, 2010, to encourage further discussion.

HB2315 HD1 HSCR HLT-HSH HMS 2008-1979



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. 2315, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, 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



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HS CR 545-08

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2315	Committee Referral: JLT / HSH, FIN	Date: February 8, 2008		
<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)				
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)	8	0	0	2
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: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">_____</div>				
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