

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 127

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.R. No. 127  
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING HAWAII'S HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE  
COVERAGE FOR FEES CHARGED FOR LETTERS PROVIDED BY A PHYSICIAN  
AS VERIFICATION OF A PATIENT'S DISABILITY OR OTHER CONDITION  
FOR WHICH SUBSTANTIATION IS NECESSARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to alleviate the  
overwhelming financial burdens and assist those who need help  
without having further hardships placed upon them by urging  
Hawaii's Health Insurers to provide coverage for fees charged for  
letters provided by a physician as verification of a patient's  
disability or other condition for which substantiation is  
necessary.

The Disability and Communication Access Board supports this  
concurrent resolution. The Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Affairs submitted comments.

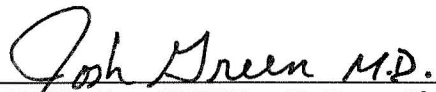
Your Committee acknowledges that there are many reasons why a  
person may need a letter from a physician, including workers who  
seek reasonable accommodation on the job, time off for family  
medical leave for a serious or life-threatening illness or who are  
returning to work.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your



Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 127 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

  
JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



