

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1102 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2530
S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2530, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPORT FOR
SMALL BUSINESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the availability of health care coverage for sole proprietors in Hawaii by requiring group health issuers to offer small group health plans to self-employed individuals. This bill also protects against adverse selection by limiting the timing of enrollment and reenrollment in the health plans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Tradewind Painting, and Hawaii Medical Services Association. The Hawaii Association of Realtors and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii supported the intent of the measure. Kaiser Permanente offered comments.

Your Committee finds that this bill will help reduce the number of uninsured among the some 12,000 sole proprietors and independent contractors in Hawaii who are not eligible to apply for coverage as a group.

SB2530 SD2 HSCR EDB HMS 2008-2952



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2530, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2530, SD2	Committee Referral: EDB, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/11/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" 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)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	✓			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (12)	11	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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