

Honolulu, Hawaii

**March 14**, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2542  
S.D. 2  
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 S.B. No. 2542, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the community health center system remains financially viable and stable in the face of the increasing needs of the population of uninsured and underinsured residents.

Specifically, this measure establishes a process that enables community health centers and rural health clinics to receive supplemental medicaid payments and seek modifications to their scope of services. In addition, this measure appropriates funds to adequately pay federally qualified community health centers for direct medical care services for the uninsured.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Waikiki Health Center, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Waimanalo Health Center, Hamakua Health Center, Inc., West Hawaii Community Health Center, Inc., Hawaii Primary Care Association, and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Health offered comments.

Your Committees find that community health centers across the State rely heavily upon Med-QUEST and state uninsured funding to



support their services. Community health centers are vitally important to the State's ability to provide health care for all residents. This measure provides cost-effective support for Hawaii's health care system.

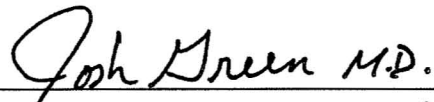
Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 1, 2050 to promote continued discussion of the matter.

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 S.B. No. 2542, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2542, S.D. 2, 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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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 2542, SD 2	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT/HSH, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-12-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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.	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	10			
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <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>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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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			
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