

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3015
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3015, S.D. 2, H.D. 1,
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect health insurance
consumers by amending the Patient's Bill of Rights and
Responsibilities Act to establish prohibited unfair or deceptive
acts or practices by managed care plans.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Faith Action
for Community Equity, Hawaii Coalition for Health, and a concerned
individual testified in support of this bill. The Hawaii Medical
Service Association provided comments.

Your Committees find that this bill will enhance the
Insurance Commissioner's ability to address health insurance
consumer grievances through administrative action.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:


- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2009, to give
managed care plans time to comply with the new
provisions; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3015, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3015, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Consumer
Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary,


for TOMMY WATERS, Chair


ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



