

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 238
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 238, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the reimbursement rate for Medicaid and QUEST psychiatric services according to county population, and to appropriate funds for the reimbursement rate increase.

Specifically, this measure increases the reimbursement rate for psychiatric services to an unspecified percentage of the Medicare fee schedule; provided that the reimbursement rate for counties with a population greater than two hundred thousand shall be an unspecified percentage of the Medicare fee schedule. This measure requires the Department of Human Services to make the appropriate adjustments to the rate of payment to health maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans, which are not required to increase reimbursement rates for psychiatric services until the Department makes such adjustments.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and the Disability and Communication Access Board, Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that there is no mechanism by which health maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans are



notified that adjustments have been made. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a requirement that the Department of Human Services notify health maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans within one week of finalizing any rate adjustments; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Human Services to submit annual reports to the Legislature regarding reimbursement rates and any adjustments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 238, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 238, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 238 SD1	Committee Referral: HSP, WAM	Date: 2/26/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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