

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2063

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2417
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2417
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to effectuate the
recommendations made by the Maui Health Initiative Task Force
pursuant to Act 219, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, to ensure the
provision of quality health services in Maui county.

Specifically, this measure requires the Department of Health
to enter into a contract with the Hawaii Health Information
Exchange, Inc. to conduct a comprehensive study of the adequacy of
the existing health care delivery in the County of Maui and
appropriates funds for this purpose.

In addition, this measure provides a tax credit for
physicians and medical facilities that furnish medical services in
Maui county.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Department of Health. The Department of Taxation
and Hawaii Medical Association submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that it is important to develop a policy
that ensures sustainable access to quality health care in the
County of Maui. The Hawaii Health Information Exchange, Inc. is a
non-profit organization dedicated to the formation and operation

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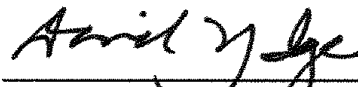


of a health information exchange system in the State of Hawaii, which would allow a secure and rapid exchange of medical information. Enabling the Hawaii Health Information Exchange to conduct a comprehensive study of the health care needs in Maui county, in conjunction with providing a tax credit for physicians and medical facilities will effectuate the recommendations made by the Maui Health Initiative Task Force pursuant to Act 219, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, and ensure sustainable quality health care in Maui.

Your Committee amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2417, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2417, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation.

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




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2417	Committee Referral: HTH, EDT, WAM	Date: 02/01/08		
<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 checked="" 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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes