

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 242  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 242 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL CARE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand coverage under Medicaid and QUEST to include comprehensive dental care coverage for eligible persons twenty-one years of age or older and to appropriate funds to provide the additional coverage.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Kokua Council, and Mental Health America of Hawaii submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services submitted comments.

Your Committees find that current dental coverage for eligible recipients age twenty-one years and older does not include coverage for endodontic, root canals, crowns, elective procedures, or periodontal surgery. Since the adults in question are indigent, they cannot pay for any services that they may need if they are not covered benefits. Dentists, therefore, may not even start services if they cannot deliver full treatment for the patient or if they will not be paid for the care. An expansion of services would defray the greater costs that would otherwise likely occur from poor dental care.



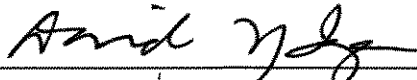
Your Committees received testimony from the Department of Human Services that this measure, if passed, would cost the State approximately \$27,144,853 for fiscal year 2007-2008.

It is the Committees' intent to improve access to dental care for this population of Medicaid and QUEST recipients. Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating an unspecified sum of general funds, instead of \$30,000,000, to expand coverage under Medicaid and QUEST so that it includes comprehensive dental care coverage for persons twenty-one years of age or older; and
- (2) Making the Act effective on July 1, 2008, rather than July 1, 2007.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 242, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 242, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Public Housing and Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair




SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
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IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul				✓
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