

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2274

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3235
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. 3235
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide cost-effective care
for Hawaii residents who are uninsured while ensuring that the
community health center system remains financially viable and
stable in the face of a growing population of uninsured persons.

Specifically, this measure appropriates \$2,000,000 for the
provision of direct health care to the uninsured, which may
include primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care;
provided that distribution of funds may be on a "per visit" basis,
taking into consideration need on all islands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Primary Care Association;
Community Clinic of Maui; Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i; Bay Clinic, Inc.;
Moloka'i Community Health Center; West Hawaii Community Health
Center; Aloha Medical Mission Free Clinic; Waianae Coast
Comprehensive Health Center; Kalihi-Palama Health Center; Kokua
Kalihi Valley; Waikiki Health Center; Waimanalo Health Center; and
ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that Federally Qualified Health Centers
are one of the few programs for community-based health services
and are an essential component to Hawaii's health care system.

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Your Committee further finds that financial assurance needs to be provided to these community health centers to remain financially viable so they can continue to provide quality health services to the residents of Hawaii.

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. 3235, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3235, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3235 | Committee Referral: HTH, WAM | Date: 02-06-08 | | |
| <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 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 | ✓ | | | |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  | | | | |
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