

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3257  
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Housing and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3257, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to provide presumptive eligibility to Medicaid or QUEST eligible waitlisted patients.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Hawaii Long Term Care Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. Oral testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Human Services.

Your Committees find that on any given day, as many as two hundred and seventy five individuals are waitlisted for transfer to long term care facilities, and can wait as long as a year to be discharged. Your Committees further find that all avenues must be explored to resolving this serious waitlist dilemma, including providing certain patients with presumptive eligibility for Medicaid.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the effective and sunset dates to facilitate further discussion; and



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

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. 3257, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3257, S.D. 2.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair


  
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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair





The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 3257</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSP / HTH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02-13-08</b>		
<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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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