

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2732

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 409
S.D. 2

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. 409,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure patient safety and
quality health care in medical-surgical wards of the acute care
hospitals in Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure mandates health insurance coverage
for medical vigilance services that are approved by the federal
Food and Drug Administration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hoana Medical, Inc. and one individual. Hawaii Medical
Service Association and Kaiser Permanente submitted testimony with
concerns on this measure. The Auditor submitted an update on the
submission of the final report.

Your Committee finds that mandatory health insurance coverage
for medical vigilance services will substantially enhance patient
safety and provide a new standard-of-care for the people of this
State. Your Committee further finds that, pursuant to Senate
Concurrent Resolution No. 209 C.D. 1 (2007), the Auditor is in the
process of completing an impact assessment report, required by
sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social
and financial impacts of mandating coverage of medical vigilance
services in acute care hospitals for all policies and contracts,

2008-1639 SSCR SMA.doc



hospital and medical service plan contracts, medical service corporation contracts, and health maintenance organization plans and contracts issued after December 31, 2007.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to encourage further discussion regarding the Auditor's report that is to be submitted to the Legislature. Your Committee has further 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. 409, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 409, S.D. 2.

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
HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 409, SD1	Committee Referral: HTH	Date: 2/25/08
---	-----------------------------------	-------------------------

The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


Distribution:
 Original
 Yellow
 Pink
 Goldenrod
 File with Committee Report
 Clerk's Office
 Drafting Agency
 Committee File Copy

*Only one measure per Record of Votes