

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

503

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 753
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 753
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to develop a health plan that
provides health insurance coverage to all residents of Hawaii.

This measure attempts to accomplish this goal by establishing
the Hawaii Health Authority to be responsible for overall health
planning for the State and for determining future capacity needs
of health providers, facilities, equipment, and support services
providers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the National Association of Social Workers Hawaii Chapter,
the Hawaii Government Employees Association, and four individuals.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the
Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii Medical Association,
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and State Farm Mutual Automobile
Insurance Company.

Your Committee finds that nearly ten per cent of Hawaii's
population is without health insurance. Your Committee further
finds that a single-payer or universal health care system will be
a cost-effective method of delivering quality health care to all
residents of Hawaii.

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However, your Committee finds that in order for this system to be effective and therefore successful, it needs to be comprehensively developed.

Accordingly, you Committee amended this measure by removing the establishment of the Hawaii Health Authority because its functions are duplicative of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Your Committee further amended this measure by making an appropriation for the continuation of the Hawaii health care task force created by Act 223, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, regarding the single-payer health care concept, for an additional two years. The appropriations are to be expended by the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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. 753, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 753, 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,

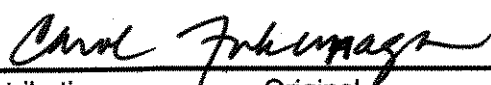


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 753	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2/14/07		
<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		✓		
TOTAL	4	1		
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