

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2119

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2119
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANATOMICAL TRANSPLANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit health insurers from denying coverage for organ tissue transplantation services to an insured subscriber on the basis that the subscriber is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus.

The Gay and Lesbian Education and Advocacy Foundation and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical Service Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 H.B. No. 2119, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2119, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

HB2119 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2008-1481



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,

Josh Green M.D.

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



HSCR 5-08

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2119	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 1-23-08
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	/			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
7. RHOADS, Karl	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				/
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
TOTAL (10)	9			1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: John M. Mizuno

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