

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1309

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1504
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1504, H.D. 1, 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 establish the Hawaii Health Authority to develop a comprehensive health plan for delivering universal health care in Hawaii.

Your Committee received ten written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the rising costs of health care in Hawaii are rapidly outpacing the ability of individuals and employers to pay for health insurance and health care services. This has resulted in an increasing number of individuals in Hawaii that do not have health insurance and cannot afford medical care. Your Committee further finds that all residents of Hawaii should have access to affordable health care and the development of a comprehensive universal health care plan is the first step toward accomplishing this goal.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the amount of the appropriation to \$1 to facilitate further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1504, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1504, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

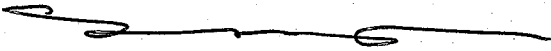


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1504 HDI SPI	HTH/CPN, WAM	APRIL 2, 2009		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	10			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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