

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 826

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1525
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1525, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to restrict Medicaid contract awards solely to nonprofit insurance entities.


The Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Government Employees Association, and Lanai Women's Center dba Lanai Community Health Center testified in support of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, DHS, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, State Procurement Office, MDX Hawaii, and Evercare opposed this measure. The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Faith Action for Community Equity, and two concerned individuals offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1525, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



