

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 690
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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 690
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide access to adequate health insurance coverage for part-time workers by requiring insurers that offer health care coverage to the regular employees of any group or association to offer the same coverage to part-time employees, to be paid for in full by the participating part-time employees, working at least 15 hours per week; and

This measure also requires the Insurance Commissioner to report to the legislature on the cost-benefits of providing this option to part-time workers.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Retail Merchants of Hawaii opposed this measure. The Hawaii Medical Service Association and Hawaii Association of Health Plans submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, 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

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 690, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 690, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



RYAN T. YAMANE, Chair



