

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1545

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 54

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 54 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN INCREASE FOR
MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request an increase in Medicare payments to physicians rendering services in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Pacific Health.

Your Committees support the request to increase geographic practice cost indices reimbursements for Medicaid and Medicare services rendered in Hawaii. Since the geographic practice cost indices for Hawaii in 2005 were significantly lower than that of Alaska in the corresponding year and Congress implemented a baseline for Alaska, it stands reasonable to set a higher reimbursement rate for Hawaii as well.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 54 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Health,



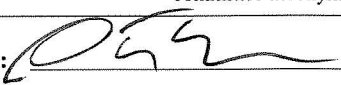
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 54	Committee Referral: HUS / HLT, FIN	Date: 3-23-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn	/			
TOTAL (9)	7			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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