

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1495

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 55
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 55 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CENTERS FOR
MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT TO
HAWAII PROVIDERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to increase reimbursement to Hawaii providers.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Medical Service Association. Written testimony presented to your Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements are established according to fee schedules, which are adjusted according to a set of geographic practice cost indices. However, the geographic practices cost indices for the State of Hawaii are determined based upon the locality of Hawaii and Guam. By including Hawaii and Guam as a single locality, the indices may not accurately reflect the costs incurred by Hawaii doctors. Your Committees find that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, upon its next periodic review of the geographic cost indices, should consider establishing Hawaii as a locality separate from Guam.



Your Committees have amended this measure and its title by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 55, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 55, S.D. 1.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair




SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"></div>				
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IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> <i>David Y. Ige</i> </div>				
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