

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1039

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1140
S.D. 2
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 Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1140, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the financial strength of Hawaii's critical access hospitals (CAH) and federally qualified health centers (FQHC) by requiring health plans, other than government payors and limited benefit health insurance policy insurers, licensed to do business in this state, to reimburse CAHs and FQHCs at rates consistent with Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and Hawaii Primary Care Association supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Service Association and the Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

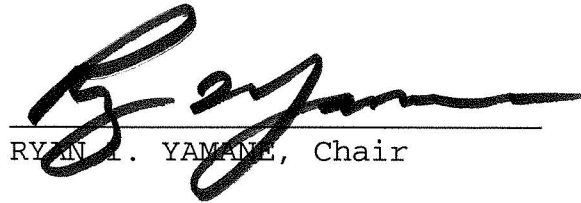
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As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1140, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1140, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair


RYAN L. YAMANE, Chair



