

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1205
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1205, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEMPORARY HEALTH INSURANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services for the establishment of a temporary health insurance program for unemployed persons.

This measure limits eligibility to unemployed persons without health insurance coverage who are willing to pay for the costs of coverage under the program. The program established under this measure is funded solely through funds received by the State from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Your Committee received one comment on the measure. Copies of written comments submitted are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the basic benefits package offered through the program established under this measure is similar to those provided by the Department of Human Services' QUEST-Net plan. This measure is intended to serve as a safety net to ensure medical coverage is provided to workers who, through no fault of their own, are unemployed and have lost their medical insurance coverage.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2090, to promote continued discussion of the matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1205, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1205, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1205, SDI	Committee Referral: HTH / CPN, WAM	Date: FEB 27, 2009		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HEE, Clayton	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	8			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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