

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1304

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 940
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 940, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ease financial burdens incurred by the State from the cost of collection services to collect payment from patients whose health insurance companies do not have a contract with the Department of Health (DOH) by requiring the insurance company to provide direct payment for the provision of pre-hospital ambulance treatment and transport services.

DOH and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs supported this bill. Hawaii Medical Service Association opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring insurance entities contracting with the State to provide Medicaid coverage to enter into written contracts with a minimum of 50 percent of hospitals and providers in their coverage area;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and

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- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 940, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 940, S.D. 1, 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 I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 940, SD1	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC	Date: 3-24-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="checked" 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)	/			
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)	6	1		2
The recommendation is:				
<input checked="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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