

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1107

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 29
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 S.C.R. No. 29 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO RAISE
MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR PHYSICIANS
RENDERING SERVICES IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the United States Congress to:

- (1) Recognize that the Medicare and Medicaid physician fee reimbursement amounts for Hawaii are insufficient; and
- (2) Enact legislation to increase the geographic practice cost indices for Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and Hawaii Association for Justice. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that Hawaii's geographic practice cost indices, which partially determine Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates, are unreasonably low. Your Committees further find that inadequate reimbursements to physicians limit Medicare and Medicaid recipients' access to quality health care.



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

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 S.C.R. No. 29, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 29, S.D. 1.

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

David Y Ige

DAVID Y IGE, Chair

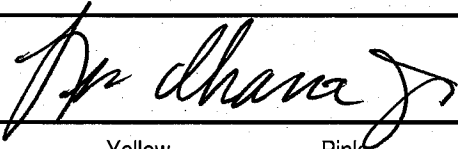
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
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IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
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