

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 2, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2206  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2206  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve and expand health care  
plan options in Hawaii by establishing the Health Savings Accounts  
Assessment Task Force (Task Force) to:

- (1) Study the current state of health savings accounts  
options in Hawaii's health insurance market;
- (2) Establish a plan of action to encourage and expand the  
use of health savings accounts in Hawaii;
- (3) Identify and recruit health plans that may help expand  
the availability of health savings accounts in Hawaii;  
and
- (4) Assess the potential economic impact, including costs  
and benefits, of expanding health savings accounts  
options in Hawaii, and estimate the potential savings  
for individuals and employers who are offered health  
savings accounts.



The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and a concerned individual supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to appoint the Task Force members by January 1, 2011;
- (2) Reducing the number of Task Force members from 20 to 13 members;
- (3) Clarifying that two of the members must be from the banking industry and two members will be from community not-for-profit organizations;
- (4) Providing that the Task Force will cease to exist on December 31, 2011;
- (5) Extending the date upon which the Task Force will provide its findings and recommendations to the Legislature to no later than 20 days prior to the 2012 Regular Session;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) 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 H.B. No. 2206, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2206, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2206	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, LAB, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 1/26/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
<b>HLT Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	8			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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