

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2575  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAUMA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a mechanism to obtain candid information that may be used to improve trauma care in Hawaii by:

- (1) Authorizing the Department of Health (DOH) to form quality assurance and peer review committees to review patient care records and system performance, and make recommendations to the department for system improvement; and
- (2) Protecting the confidentiality of the information considered by those committees.

DOH, The Queen's Medical Center, Hawaii Pacific Health, and Healthcare Association of Hawaii testified in support of this bill. The Office of Information Practices of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the protection from subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in a civil or criminal proceeding is limited to information held by DOH as a result of their review of patient care records and system performance conducted by the quality assurance and peer review subcommittees;
- (2) Changing the effective date to December 21, 2058, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2575, H.D. 2.

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

  
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JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



