

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2637

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2637 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that injured workers have access to appropriate care by clarifying that a physician or surgeon may conduct diagnostic testing or engage in a one-time consultation for a subspecialty diagnostic evaluation and treatment recommendations from a board certified or licensed specialist without contest by an insurer or employer.

Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Injured Workers Alliance, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Chapter-American Physical Therapy Association, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Hawaii Insurers Council supported this bill with amendments. The Department of Human Resources Development and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations opposed this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2637 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2637	Committee Referral: LAB, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/8/2010		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HERKES, Robert N. (C)	✓			
2. WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. CABANILLA, Rida				✓
5. CARROLL, Mele				✓
6. ITO, Ken	✓			
7. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	✓			
8. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
9. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
10. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
11. MORITA, Hermina M.				✓
12. SOUKI, Joseph M.	✓			
13. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
15. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (15)	11	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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