

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2829  
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2829 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the health and safety of patients by requiring:

- (1) Hospitals to report hospital-acquired infection rates; and
- (2) The Department of Health (DOH) to establish procedures for collecting infection rate information and disclosing it to the public.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Consumers Union, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Service Association supported the intent of this measure. The DOH opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that establish penalties for noncompliance and require DOH to ensure compliance with hospital reporting requirements as a condition for licensure;



- (2) Changing the effective date to December 21, 2058, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, 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. 2829, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2829, H.D. 1.

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

  
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JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



