

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

291

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1094  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1094  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce health care costs by directing the Department of Health to develop and implement a patient-centered health care homes pilot project to provide primary health care funding to federally qualified health centers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Primary Care Association and the Waikiki Health Center. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

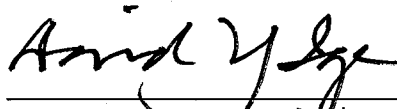
Your Committee finds that federally qualified health centers have consistently struggled financially due to low reimbursement rates for services provided. This measure proposes to study a patient-centered health care homes model for providing comprehensive health care that will be a substantial costs-savings to the health care system by early and accurate identification of health problems resulting in significantly less use of emergency room services, specialist referrals, duplicative testing, and fewer hospitalizations for ambulatory-sensitive conditions.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to require the funding for the program to derive solely from the federal stimulus plan known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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 S.B. No. 1094, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1094, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1094	HTH, WAM	2/13/9		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	1	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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