

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1681

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 9, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1344
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1344, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help minimize disruptions to health care services to QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access recipients caused by positive enrollment by:

- (1) Requiring insurance entities contracting with the State to provide Medicaid coverage to enter into written contracts with a minimum of 50 percent of hospitals and providers in their coverage area;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct a public awareness campaign to educate QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access recipients about their options; and
- (3) Prohibiting DHS from requiring a QUEST or QUEST Expanded Access recipient to re-enroll in a health plan unless their chosen plan no longer actively provides services and coverage.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and AlohaCare testified in support of this bill. DHS testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of the Attorney

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General, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and MDX Hawaii provided comments on this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1344, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1344, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



