

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2553

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2099
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2099, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure continuity of care for the QUEST-eligible population in Hawaii and to make certain that Medicaid contracts reflect expectations outlined in national health care reform, by establishing restrictions on the issuance of request for proposals for QUEST contracts.

Specifically, this measure restricts the Department of Human Services from issuing requests for proposals for contracts over \$100,000,000 for the QUEST health plans in the year 2010.

Your Committee finds that there are a number of changes in the future for both Medicaid and the Department of Human Services, such as federal guideline changes for Medicaid and a soon-to-be changing executive branch administration. Additional changes also include significant delays in payments to QUEST-contracted medical providers and the shift of behavioral health clients to the Department of Health. Your Committee also finds that issuing a request for proposals for QUEST health plans is inappropriate due to the fluidity of the Department of Human Services at this time as well as the cost considerations for both health care providers and the Department of Human Services. State budget restrictions are being imposed on numerous departments and programs, and issuing a request for proposals would be imprudent at this time.

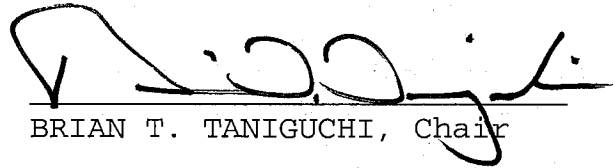
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Your Committee has made technical, nonsubstantive stylistic changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2099, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2099, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2099, SD1	HMS/HTH, JGO	2/23/10		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)				✓
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
TOTAL	3	1		2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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