

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2566

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Labor and Health, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2566 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that under the
State's workers' compensation law, 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.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by five
private organizations. Testimony in opposition of this measure
was submitted by two state agencies. Written testimony presented
to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that giving treating physicians the
ability to conduct diagnostic testing or engage in a one-time
consultation for a subspecialty diagnostic evaluation and
treatment recommendations will promote quicker recoveries for
injured workers, thus enabling them to return to work. Your
Committees also find that it is recommended that the Department of
Labor and Industrial Relations clarify in its administrative rules
that the one-time consultation shall be within occupational
medical guidelines and the referring physician or surgeon shall
have no financial interest in the diagnostic testing, the
subspecialty diagnostic evaluation, or the licensed specialist's
practice.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2566 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Labor and Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair




DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Labor
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB2566	LBR/HTH	2/9/10
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓	
BUNDA, Robert	✓	
HEE, Clayton		✓
SLOM, Sam	✓	
TOTAL	4	0
0	0	1
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted	
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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