

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 19, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2599
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2599, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the early detection of colorectal-cancer by requiring health insurers to cover colorectal-cancer screening procedures graded A or B, as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

The State Auditor, American Cancer Society, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supported this bill. The Hawaii Association of Health Plans provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by allowing health insurance providers the flexibility to inform their insured about the risks of colorectal-cancer without requiring that such information be provided in the insurance policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2599, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2599, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



