

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2698
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 Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2698, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow dependent children who are under the age of twenty-seven and not covered under another health insurance plan to be covered by their parent's or guardian's health insurance plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and one individual. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

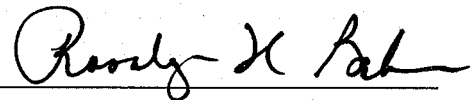
Your Committee finds that this measure will reduce the number of students and unemployed or underemployed young adults who are uninsured or unable to find non-group health insurance at an affordable price. Your Committee also finds that bringing more of the healthier, young uninsured population into the insured system will spread health care cost over a larger pool of people, which may make premiums more affordable for the majority of people. Moreover, your Committee finds that providing young adults with insurance coverage will help ensure early treatment before the onset of serious illness and without having to rely on emergency room care.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes to ensure clarity and accuracy in the language of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2698, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2698, S.D. 2.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2698	Committee Referral: HTH, CPN	Date: 2/19/2010		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes