

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 12, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2885  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve and expand health care plan options in Hawaii by establishing the Health Savings Accounts Assessment Task Force (Task Force) to:

- (1) Study the current state of health savings accounts options in Hawaii's health insurance market;
- (2) Establish a plan of action to encourage and expand the use of health savings accounts in Hawaii;
- (3) Identify and recruit health plans that may help expand the availability of health savings accounts in Hawaii; and
- (4) Assess the potential economic impact, including costs and benefits, of expanding health savings accounts options in Hawaii, and estimate the potential savings for individuals and employers who are offered health savings accounts.



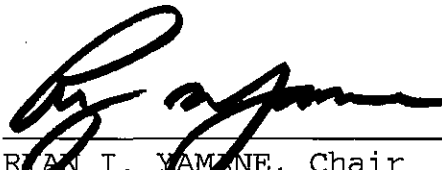
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical Service Association supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Reducing the number of Task Force members from 20 to 11 members;
- (2) Replacing the representative from First Hawaiian Bank with a representative from the Hawaii Bankers Association;
- (3) Requiring that the Task Force also work to develop a way to implement flexible spending accounts for employee benefit programs that allow unspent funds in the account to carry over to the next year; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

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



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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



