

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2010
RE: S.B. No. 2885
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2885 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a health savings
account task force to study the current state of health savings
accounts in Hawaii and to encourage the expanded use of health
savings accounts in the future.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii
Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Services Association, and
SterlingHSA. Testimony with comments on this measure was received
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Written
testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the
Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that health savings accounts are
currently available in Hawaii, but do not constitute a significant
portion of the overall health care market. Your Committees
further find that health savings accounts are an alternate means
of paying for health care that may result in significant health
care cost savings for some Hawaii residents by allowing
individuals to purchase high deductible health plans and to pay
out-of-pocket health care costs from tax-advantaged dollars saved
in health savings accounts. Your Committees note that, in light
of Hawaii's unique health insurance environment, careful

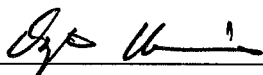


consideration of the interaction between health savings accounts and the requirements of Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act is essential to the task force's discussions and policy recommendations.

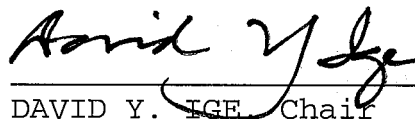
Your Committees have amended this measure by making nonsubstantive technical changes for the purposes of clarity and accuracy.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2885, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



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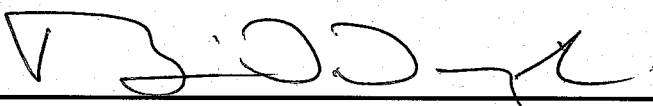
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2005</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH/LBR, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/9/10</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>JALM</i>				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
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