

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2010

RE: S.C.R. No. 239
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 239
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR TO REVIEW AND COMPARE THE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS
AVAILABLE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, THE PREPAID HEALTH CARE
ACT, AND THE HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS OF THE EMPLOYER-UNION TRUST
FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of the
Auditor to review and compare the health care benefits available
under the Medicaid program, the Prepaid Health Care Act, and the
health care programs of the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust
Fund.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two
individuals. Testimony in opposition of this measure was
submitted by one private organization. Written testimony
presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's
website.

Your Committee finds that exploring the available options for
health care that are accessible to the people of Hawaii will
provide for a potential cost savings and improvement in the
quality of health care that is received. Your Committee also
finds that in conjunction with the sweeping health care reform
recently passed by Congress, now is the appropriate time for the
State to explore various mechanisms that would enable the State to

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provide health care to more people in Hawaii at an affordable cost. For example, analysis of the impact of Hawaii raising its eligibility criteria for Medicaid coverage to three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level under the Section 1115, U.S.C.A. Title 42, waiver program could provide valuable feedback.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to delete health care programs of the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund;
- (2) Removing all references to the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund;
- (3) Adding a request to analyze the federal health care reform recently passed by Congress to determine its potential impact on the people of Hawaii; and
- (4) Deleting the request to determine the feasibility of coverage for public sector employees and their families earning less than three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level under Medicaid.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 239, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 239, S.D. 1.

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



DWIGHT F. TAKAMINE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 239	Committee Referral: LBR, WAM	Date: 3/30/10		
<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 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
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
HEE, Clayton				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	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