

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 463
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 463, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the proper and expedient treatment of injured employees by allowing employee-selected physicians or surgeons to conduct diagnostic testing or engage in a one-time consultation for subspecialty diagnostic evaluation and treatment recommendations from a board-certified or licensed specialist.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Chapter - American Physical Therapy Association, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Injured Workers Alliance, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Resources Development; City and County of Honolulu; Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; Hawaii Insurers Council; Hawaiian Electric Co. Inc.; Maui Electric Company, LTD.; and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making the provisions of this measure expire on June 30, 2014.

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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 H.B. No. 463, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 463, H.D. 2.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



