

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1202

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 24, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 595  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 595, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIANS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help maintain the availability of health care in Hawaii by establishing a tax credit for physicians or clinics that treat Medicaid patients, serve rural areas, or respond to emergency calls.

The Hawaii Medical Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii Medical Service Association supported this bill. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the availability of the tax credit to rural providers or emergency care providers without regard to their Medicaid patient caseload, and making the tax credit available based solely on whether a provider's total Medicaid patient caseload meets an unspecified percentage;



- (2) Deleting the provision that allowed for the tax credit to be refunded to the physician or clinic; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 595, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 595, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Judiciary and  
Consumer Protection & Commerce,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair





