

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 261

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1268

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1268 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund board, when contracting for health benefits plans, to contract only with carriers that provide or administer prescription drug coverage together with medical benefits.

The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this bill. The Hawaii Medical Service Association supported the intent of this bill.

Studies indicate that integration of medical benefits has resulted in lower costs and improved quality of care for beneficiaries. The integration may also result in efficiencies that improve the coordination of patient care. For these reasons, this measure deserves further consideration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1268 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB1268 HSCR LAB HMS 2011-2176



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



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House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1268	Committee Referral: LAB, FIN	Date: 2-11-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	—			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	—			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	—			
4. CULLEN, Ty	—			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda	—			
6. LEE, Marilyn B.	—			
7. LUKE, Sylvia				—
8. SAIKI, Scott K.		—		
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.	—			
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	—			
11. FONTAINE, George R.		—		
12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling		—		
TOTAL (12)	8	3	—	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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