

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1723

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1723
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRICARE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:


The purpose of this measure is to help maintain affordable
healthcare for Hawaii's active, reserved, and retired members of
the military and their families by making permanent the general
excise tax exemption for certain amounts received by a managed
care support contractor of the TRICARE program for the actual cost
or advancement to third party health care providers.

The Department of Taxation; TriWest Healthcare Alliance Inc.;
Military Officers Association of America, Hawaii Chapter; and
Hawaii Medical Service Association supported this measure. The
Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.
1723 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to
the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.



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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



