

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 16, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1736  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1736, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify Hawaii's health insurance exchange law by, among other things:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Health Connector to establish a separate program and risk pool to serve the individual market and a separate program and risk pool to serve the small group market;
- (2) Establishing the schedule of staggered terms for the initial board members;
- (3) Establishing a navigator program; and
- (4) Clarifying the role of the Department of Human Services in determining Medicaid eligibility.




The Office of the Governor, Hawaii Health Connector, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Medical Service Association, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and Ohana Health Plan supported this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs supported the intent of this measure. The American Cancer Society and Hawaii Primary Care Association provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1736, 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. 1736, H.D. 2.

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

  
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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



