

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 512

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 Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 512
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PALLIATIVE CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide insurance coverage for
palliative care for persons diagnosed with a chronic or serious
disease as well as to covered persons who are caregivers, family
members, or household members of a person who is diagnosed with a
chronic or serious disease.

The American Cancer Society, Hawaii Association of Nurse
Anesthetists, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and several
concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The
State Insurance Commissioner, Hawaii Association of Health Plans,
Hawaii Medical Service Association, The Healthcare Association,
and one concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committee finds that the measure should include an
industry-wide definition of palliative care to ensure consistency
of care, and that reference to "other medical treatment" must also
be clarified.

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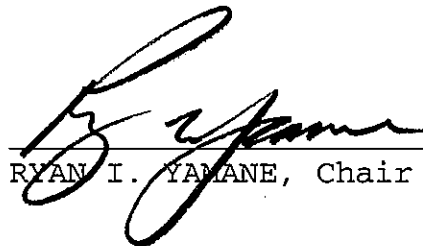


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Including a consistent, industry-wide definition of "palliative care";
- (2) Deleting references to "other medical treatment";
- (3) Adding references to "curative treatments";
- (4) Limiting palliative care insurance coverage to persons diagnosed with a chronic or serious illness; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 512, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 512, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



