

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1096

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2011

RE: H.B. No. 596
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 596, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide presumptive eligibility for Medicaid for waitlisted patients who meet certain Medicaid eligibility criteria but have not yet been approved to receive Medicaid assistance.

The measure also appropriates unspecified moneys to cover the costs of reimbursements made to providers for services provided to patients who are later determined to be ineligible for Medicaid. In addition, the measure requires the Department of Human Services to conduct a study for a potential computerized system for processing Medicaid applications.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D., Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Christina Donkervoet, Director of Care Coordination and Patient Flow, The Queen's Medical Center; and Jim Tollefson, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

Your Committee received comments in opposition to this measure from Patricia McManaman, Director, Department of Human Services.

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Your Committee finds that this measure will help reduce unnecessary costs related to providing medical services to patients with pending Medicaid applications and address many of the inefficiencies in the State's obsolete paper-based Medicaid application process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 596, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 596, HDI, SDI	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/30/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	10	0	1	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i> </div>				
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