

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 594
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 594 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a nine member Hawaii Health Authority within the Office of the Governor and to appropriate funds for the expenses of the newly created Authority in order to create a comprehensive affordable health care plan for the State to better serve the health needs of residents throughout the State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and two private citizens. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Papa Ola Lokahi.

Your Committee received testimony on this measure supporting the creation of a single Hawaii Affordable Health Care Coordinator within the Office of the Governor, in lieu of the establishment of the Hawaii Health Authority. This Hawaii Affordable Health Care Coordinator would be charged with the responsibility of making recommendations on the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Removing the provisions relating to the establishment of the Hawaii Health Authority;
- (2) Adding language creating the Hawaii Affordable Health Care Coordinator within the Office of the Governor;
- (3) Requiring the Hawaii Affordable Health Care Coordinator to submit a report to the Governor, the Department of Health, and the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013;
- (4) Removing the provisions appropriating funds to the Hawaii Health Authority; and
- (5) Adding language appropriating funds under the federal State Planning and Establishment Grant No. CFDA 93.525 for the salary of the Hawaii Affordable Health Care Coordinator;

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 S.B. No. 594, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 594, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



