

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 7, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2528
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2528
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve access to medical supplies and equipment for Medicare and Medicaid patients by requiring vendors who have been awarded contracts through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthodontics, and supplies bidding program to have a physical presence in Hawaii.

The Queen's Health Systems, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and CareResource Hawaii provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and an individual provided testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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. 2528, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2528, 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,

Della A Belatti

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2528</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/5/14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	<i>9</i>			<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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