

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 14, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2031
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2031, S.D. 2, 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 patients by requiring vendors or suppliers who have been awarded contracts through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Competitive Bidding Program to have a physical presence in the State.

The Queen's Health Systems, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, and several individuals supported this measure. The Department of Human Services, Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii Association of Health Plans, and Hawaii Medical Service Association opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2150, to facilitate continued discussion.



Due to the concerns raised during discussion on this measure, your Committee believes that further consideration and discussion are necessary regarding the requirement that vendors or suppliers have a physical presence in the State to be awarded a contract through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Competitive Bidding Program. Your Committee requests the Department of the Attorney General to provide follow up information to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce on the licensing and in-state requirements for suppliers under the State of Tennessee's Competitive Bidding Program.

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. 2031, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2031, S.D. 2, 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 AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 976-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2031, SD2	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/12/14		
<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)	6	3		1
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: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;"> </div>				
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