

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2706

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2845
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF EXEMPT PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Director of Human Services to appoint and employ certain professional staff, not subject to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, if the Director determines that the services to be performed are unique and essential to the execution of the functions of the state medical assistance programs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services. Written comments in opposition were received from the Hawaii Government Employees Association.

Your Committee finds that certain high level managerial and professional staff positions within the state medical assistance programs require exceptional knowledge of complex federal health care regulations, detailed technical and specialized awareness and knowledge of health care trends and different health care delivery systems, the ability to negotiate and discuss program requirements with federal partners at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the ability to provide skilled oversight of program activities. Your Committee also finds that state civil service

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system requirements make it difficult to recruit qualified individuals with the knowledge and experience required by these positions. Your Committee believes that this measure will provide the Director of Human Services with the flexibility to recruit, hire, and compensate high level managerial and professional staff to manage critical functions of the state medical assistance programs.

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 S.B. No. 2845, 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-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ^{mark} 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	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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