

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2383
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2383, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the Hawaii Health Connector (Connector) as part of the transition to a federally supported, state-based exchange;
- (2) Specify that any debts and liabilities of the Connector remain that of the Connector and do not constitute the debts and liabilities of the State; and
- (3) Specify that the provisions in the measure shall not diminish or limit the consumer protections contained in or alter the provisions of the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Human Services, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and ILWU Local 142. Comments were received from the Department of the Attorney General.

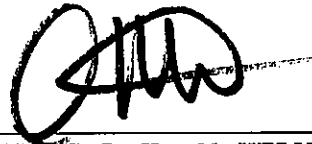


Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Health Connector is effectively no longer in existence and that this measure will formalize its dissolution.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date from July 1, 2112, to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2383, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2383, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



