

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

192

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2015

RE: S.B. No. 920  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 920 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate paid by the State to equal the Medicare services payment rate for primary and acute care.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Medical Association, The Queen's Health Systems, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates put a financial strain on healthcare providers and decrease the probability that Medicaid enrollees will be accepted as patients by healthcare providers. Enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rates have been successful in helping millions of people nationwide gain access to necessary health services.

Your Committee supports the Governor's budget request of \$37,000,000, of which approximately \$17,500,000 are general funds, for Medicaid reimbursements at 83.7 percent of Medicare. Your Committee notes that this percentage includes behavioral health and prenatal care but does not include obstetric care.



Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language to include obstetric care among the types of services for which the increased Medicaid reimbursement rate shall apply.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 920, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 920, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services and  
Housing,

*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services and Housing**  
**HSH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 920</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-5-15</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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