

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 308  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 308 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to preserve access to health care for Medicaid recipients.

More specifically, this Act:

- (1) Provides an annual inflationary adjustment in the methodology used to reimburse facilities for the long-term care of Medicaid recipients beginning with fiscal year 2017-2018; and
- (2) Appropriates funds to provide an inflationary adjustment to long-term care facilities' provider-specific prospective payment rates for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hale Makua Health Services, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Pacific Health, Legacy of Life Hawaii, Hawaii Chapter of the American



Physical Therapy Association, Ohana Pacific Management Company, and two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that there has not been an inflationary adjustment for Medicaid payments since fiscal year 2007-2008. Your Committee further finds that the inflationary adjustment provided by this measure will help economically stabilize the long-term care system in the State, allowing facilities to invest in needed maintenance and retain experienced staff.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

Your Committee notes that it intends to consider including this appropriation in the General Appropriations Act of 2017.

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. 308, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 308, S.D. 1.

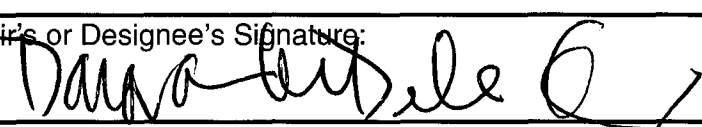
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 308</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS/CPH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/23/17</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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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