

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1896
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1896 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Health Care Access Task Force to review health care policies, legislation, and authority, and to report back to the Legislature on recommendations to improve access to health care in Hawaii.

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, IMUAlliance, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Papa Ola Lokahi, and one concerned individual testified in support. One concerned individual testified in opposition. The Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Kaiser Permanente, and Hawaii Medical Service Association offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.



Your Committee notes that both the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services called attention to H.B. No. 2361 (2018), Relating to Health Analytics, which authorizes the Department of Human Services to maintain an all-payers medical claims data base and study the financial health data. Both Departments expressed that this data is essential to the analysis requested by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1896, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



