

SB2199

Measure Title: RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Report Title: Insurance; Affordable Care Act; State Innovation Waiver; State Reinsurance Program

Description: Authorizes the State to apply for and implement a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, ESPERO, INOUYE, KEITH-AGARAN, KIM, TOKUDA, S. Chang, English, Gabbard, Galuteria, Green, Harimoto, Ihara, Kidani, Nishihara, Ruderman, Shimabukuro, Taniguchi



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January 31, 2018

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health

Re: SB 2199 – Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2199, that would allow the State to apply for and implement a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). HMSA supports SB 2199.

We understand this legislation to be a useful tool to allow the state to provide additional funding and innovative methods of pooling risk to cover health care for high-risk patients with costly medical claims. We look forward to the discussion on the details of the program including the funding mechanism.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

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