

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 25

S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 25, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update and improve insurance laws under title 24, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Board of Nursing; Board of Pharmacy; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Insurers Council; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Captive Insurance Council; Zephyr Insurance Company, Inc.; American Council of Life Insurers; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to update and improve various areas of the State's insurance laws. This measure modernizes provisions, removes antiquated systems, and benefits insurers and consumers by removing redundancy, time, and cost barriers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

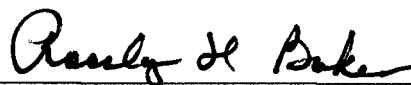
- (1) Clarifying that the short-term health insurance preexisting disclosure requirement does not apply to accident-only health insurance;



- (2) Clarifying that a health care provider who performs a service is eligible for reimbursement to the extent that the health care provider is eligible for reimbursement under a policy, contract, plan, or agreement, and is acting within the scope of the provider's license or certification under state law;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of October 1, 2019, relating to proposed name changes and use of a trade name or assumed name; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 25, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 25, S.D. 2, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB25, SD1	Committee Referral: CPH	Date: 2/15/19		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	X			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)				X
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes