

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 2249
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services & Homelessness and Health,
to which was referred H.B. No. 2249 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID BENEFITS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the lack of access to dental coverage and oral health care needs in the State by appropriating funds to restore diagnostic, preventive, and restorative dental benefits to adult Medicaid enrollees; provided that the Department of Human Services obtains maximum federal matching funds available for this expenditure.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Hawaii Public Health Institute, The Queen's Health Systems, 'Ohana Health Plan, Save Medicaid Hawaii, AARP Hawaii, Ho'ola Lāhui Hawai'i, Hawaii Family Caregiver Association, Hawaii State Rural Health Association, Pono Hawaii Initiative, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Aloha Independent Living Hawaii, Easterseals Hawaii, Full Life, Hawaii Oral Health Coalition, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center, Kokua Kalihi Comprehensive Family Services, Hawaii Dental Service, Hawaii Dental Association, AlohaCare,



Disability Rights Hawaii, and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Primary Care Association.

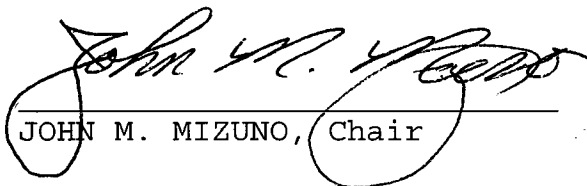
Your Committees find that Ohana Health Plan and AlohaCare will no longer be able to offer their plans to residents on the neighbor islands. As such, it is imperative to fund basic dental health. Your Committees recognize that oral health has a direct correlation to a person's overall health. This measure will help restore essential dental benefits to adult Medicaid enrollees, thereby improving the well-being of individuals and reducing costs due to emergency room visits for dental problems and other acute and chronic health conditions that are linked to oral disease.

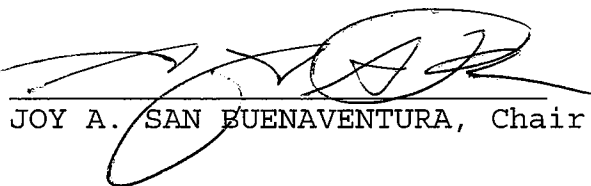
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to December 31, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services & Homelessness and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2249, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2249, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services &
Homelessness and Health,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2249	Committee Referral: HSH/HLT, FIN	Date: 02/7/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
2. NAKAMURA, Nadine K. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
5. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Nadine K. Nakamura</u>				
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