

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2796

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2429  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2429 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide medical assistance for a pregnant woman who is ineligible for medical insurance coverage through her employer or Medicaid for a period ending twelve months after childbirth.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women; Breastfeeding Hawaii; Hawaii Women's Coalition; American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; Hawaii Children's Action Network; Midwives Alliance of Hawaii; Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii; The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; March of Dimes; Hawaii Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative; and fifteen individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committees find that women who are ineligible for post-partum health coverage struggle to get necessary care during the twelve weeks following childbirth, which is a critical time because women are more likely to die of pregnancy-related



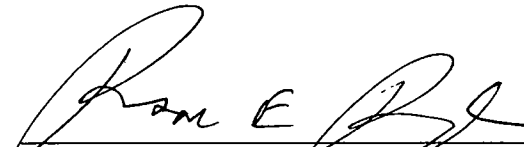
conditions during this time than during pregnancy or childbirth. Because Medicaid pregnancy coverage, which pays for nearly half of all births in the United States, expires sixty days after childbirth, many women are left without health insurance during this vulnerable time. This measure ensures that women have access to care after birth and improves maternal health in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that any woman who is enrolled in Medicaid insurance coverage during her pregnancy shall be eligible for medical assistance for a period of twelve months following the pregnancy, using the same eligibility criteria that qualified her for pregnancy coverage; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2429, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2429, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and Health  
and Human Services,

  
RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair

  
ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair





The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2429</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPA/HMS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/5/20</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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <span style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</span>				
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