

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**2503**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 18 2022**

RE: S.B. No. 2678  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2678 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the expansion of the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program by contracting with third party service providers and staffing consultants and recruiting more volunteers.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging, Policy Advisory Board on Elder Affairs, AARP Hawai'i, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, and thirteen individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committees find that the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) helps individuals who qualify for Medicare to make informed decisions about health insurance decisions. SHIP has only two full time employees and is staffed by eighty-four trained volunteers. However, SHIP needs to expand to meet the growing demand, particularly as more baby boomers become eligible for Medicare. Therefore, this measure appropriates funds to the Executive Office of Aging to expand SHIP.



Your Committees have amended this measure by 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 Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2678, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2678, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

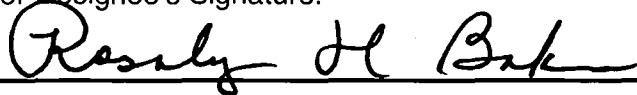
  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

  
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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
 Committee on Health  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<b>SB2678</b>	<b>HTH/CPN, WAM</b>	<b>2-10-2022</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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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