STAND. COM. REP. NO. 96

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fely 6, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1699 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1699 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE FOR BRAIN INJURIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide survivors of traumatic brain injury the opportunity to lead full lives, by requiring insurers, hospital and medical service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide rehabilitation coverage for survivors of brain injuries, including cognitive and neurocognitive therapy, neurobehavioral and neuropsychological testing or treatment, and necessary post-acute transition services or community reintegration services.

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Association of Health Plans provided comments.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to report to the 2008 Legislature on the economic impact of the expanded medical coverage required by this bill; and

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(2) Inserting a sunset date of July 1, 2012.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1699, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1699, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1699	Date: 2 - 02 - 07			
Committee Referral: HB 16 99 Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration			
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	'			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	V			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
6. RHOADS, Karl	<i>V</i>			·
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				V
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	V			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V			
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani	V			
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.				
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TOTAL	10			
The recommendation is: 💢 Adopted				
□ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:		***************************************		•
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