STAND. COM. REP. NO. 214

Honolulu, Hawaii

Felg, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1479 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. 1479 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to achieve parity for part-time workers and sole proprietors without employees who seek group health insurance by providing part-time workers, self-employed workers, and sole proprietors without employees who are not incorporated, with access to insurance policies with benefits comparable to full-time workers. This bill also prohibits group health insurers from imposing certain eligibility requirements.

The Hawaii Association of REALTORS testified in support of this bill. The State Insurance Commissioner and the Hawaii Medical Service Association provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

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. 1479, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1479, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.

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 1479	Date:	Date: 2 - 06 - 07			
Committee Referral: HLT, FDB, CA	The com	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)	$V_{\perp}$				
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)					
3. BELATTI, Della Au	V				
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	V				
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i			V	
6. RHOADS, Karl	V		Manager .		
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				V	
8. TAKAI, K. Mark					
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani	•				
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	•		조루의 참 생활물		
TOTAL	17	2		2-	
The recommendation is: Adopted					
☐ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
John Il. Illiano					
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