Honolulu, Hawaii

F. 4 , 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1698

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. 1698 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide affordable, comprehensive insurance coverage to gap group part-time, self-employed, or sole-proprietor workers, by allowing small insurers that have less than 30 per cent of the market share to combine different types of health- and sicknes-related insurance benefits into single unified policies.

The Hawaii Management Alliance Association and the Hawaii Association of REALTORS testified in support of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Medical Service Association opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to December 31, 2099, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 1698, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1698, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Economic Development & Business Concerns and 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

HB 1698	Date:	2 - 06	-07	
Committee Referral: HLT, EDB/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)	V	project in the second		
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	V			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	V	7.5 1.87		
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	V			
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.		11/2011/06/19		
6. RHOADS, Karl	•	V		
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				1
8. TAKAI, K. Mark				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V			
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani	,	~		
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	W.			
TOTAL	6	3		2
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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