

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1543

Honolulu, Hawaii

Aj 07 , 2009

RE: H.R. No. 238

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 238 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED ON APRIL 10, 2008 IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER (73 FED. REG. 19708) THAT IMPLEMENT THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSISTANCE AND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2000, AND TO SUPPORT NEW SECTIONS IN THE UPCOMING REAUTHORIZATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to:

- (1) Declare that the Legislature is opposed to the proposed amendments to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 as published on April 10, 2008, in the Federal Register, and urge the United States Congress to do the same; and
- (2) State that in the process of reauthorization, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 should include provisions regarding oversight, protocol, and transparency with respect to the designated advocacy service provider.

Several concerned individuals supported this resolution. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities and Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) opposed this resolution.

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Your Committees note the concerns raised by HDRC that there are numerous inaccuracies in this resolution regarding the contents of the proposed regulations. HDRC stated that the main thrust of the proposed regulations is to codify court decisions which may have been issued regarding the authority of the protection and advocacy systems or to conform these developmental disability regulations with those that govern the program for the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness. Additionally, HDRC stated that the public comment period for these proposed regulations has elapsed, meaning that any expression of support or opposition by the Legislature will not be entered as part of the record.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 238 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 238	Committee Referral: HUS / HLT, JUD	Date: 4-06-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn				/
TOTAL (9)	6			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1544

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-207 , 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 268

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 268 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS PUBLISHED ON APRIL 10, 2008 IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER (73 FED. REG. 19708) THAT IMPLEMENT THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSISTANCE AND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2000, AND TO SUPPORT NEW SECTIONS IN THE UPCOMING REAUTHORIZATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to:

- (1) Declare that the Legislature is opposed to the proposed amendments to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 as published on April 10, 2008, in the Federal Register, and urge the United States Congress to do the same; and
- (2) State that in the process of reauthorization, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 should include provisions regarding oversight, protocol, and transparency with respect to the designated advocacy service provider.

Several concerned individuals supported this concurrent resolution. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities and Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) opposed this concurrent resolution.

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Your Committees note the concerns raised by HDRC that there are numerous inaccuracies in this concurrent resolution regarding the contents of the proposed regulations. HDRC stated that the main thrust of the proposed regulations is to codify court decisions which may have been issued regarding the authority of the protection and advocacy systems or to conform these developmental disability regulations with those that govern the program for the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness. Additionally, HDRC stated that the public comment period for these proposed regulations has elapsed, meaning that any expression of support or opposition by the Legislature will not be entered as part of the record.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 268 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1545

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 54

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 54 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN INCREASE FOR
MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request an increase in Medicare payments to physicians rendering services in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Pacific Health.

Your Committees support the request to increase geographic practice cost indices reimbursements for Medicaid and Medicare services rendered in Hawaii. Since the geographic practice cost indices for Hawaii in 2005 were significantly lower than that of Alaska in the corresponding year and Congress implemented a baseline for Alaska, it stands reasonable to set a higher reimbursement rate for Hawaii as well.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 54 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



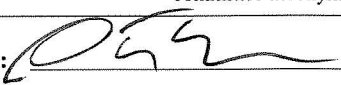
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 54	Committee Referral: HUS / HLT, FIN	Date: 3-23-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
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6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn	/			
TOTAL (9)	7			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)				
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