

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1108

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 27
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 27 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CENTERS FOR
MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO CONSIDER RAISING THE
MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR PHYSICIANS
RENDERING SERVICES IN HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to consider raising the Medicare fee schedule payment amounts for physicians rendering services in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and Hawaii Association for Justice. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that Hawaii has relatively low Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates due to lower private sector wages upon which the Geographic Practice Cost Index, that partially determines the Medicare fee schedule, is based. Your Committees further find that inadequate reimbursements to physicians limit Medicare and Medicaid recipients' access to quality health care and threaten physicians' ability to continue practicing amid increasingly high costs in Hawaii.



Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.C.R. No. 27, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair




SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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