STAND. COM. REP. NO. 806

Honolulu, Hawaii

Monhb , 2009

RE: H.B. No. 697 H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 697 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEMPORARY HEALTH INSURANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that individuals who lose their employer-based health insurance due to the effects of the current economic downturn are provided a safety net for their health care coverage. This bill:

- (1) Establishes the Temporary Health Insurance for Unemployed Persons Program (Program) which offers similar health benefits provided by the QUEST-Net Program;
- (2) Partially reimburses individuals who continue their health insurance coverage through the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA); and
- (3) Appropriates funds to administer the Program as well as to reimburse individuals enrolled in COBRA health care coverage under COBRA.

The Hawaii Medical Service Association, ILWU Local 142, and UNITE HERE! Local 5 testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Services testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount for the administration of the Program to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the appropriation amount for the reimbursement of individuals enrolled in COBRA to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 697, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 697, H.D. 1.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	~			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	<u></u>			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	<i> </i>			11.1700
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	<u></u>			
5. BROWER, Tom	<u> </u>			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	<u></u>			
7. COFFMAN, Denny	<i>L</i>			
8. HAR, Sharon E.				
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	<i>-</i>			
10. LEE, Chris				
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III	<u> </u>			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOOLEY, Jessica	<i> </i>			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	<i>-</i>			
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	V			
17. WARD, Gene	~			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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TOTAL (17)	17		\circ	0
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Marily B. Lel				
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