STAND. COM. REP. NO. -10 Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 2494 S.D. 2 H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2494, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Provide continuity in health care by requiring the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) to offer an eligible employee-beneficiary or dependent-beneficiary, coverage for prescription drug benefits that is identical to the coverage provided under the employee-beneficiary's or dependent-beneficiary's current plan (Part I); and
- (2) Improve access to the full range of health care services to Medicaid and QUEST members, by prohibiting the Department of Human Services (DHS) from requiring:
 - (A) Approval from DHS for a health plan under Medicaid or QUEST programs to deliver services using a telehealth service; or
 - (B) In-person visits to qualify any telehealth service for coverage under Medicaid or QUEST programs (Part II).



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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Mental Health America of Hawaii; and American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc. testified in support of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance and DHS opposed this measure. The Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Association of Health Plans, and informedRx offered comments.

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 S.B. No. 2494, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

	ittee Referral:	Dat	" 3/25/	10
□ 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)	1			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)				
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani				
5. BROWER Tom				
6. CHOY, Isaac W.				N880 0 4874 1
7. COFFMAN, Denny				
8. HAR, Sharon E.	Bet sat. There is an			NET-TYNN CERTER
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				
10. LEE, Chris				
 NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. SAGUM, Roland D., III 				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
14. WOOLEY, Jessica				
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. FINNEGAN, Lynn				
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	13			- - 7
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Marily 3. Lee				
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