

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

574

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 588
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 Health and Commerce and Consumer
Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 588 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NONGOVERNMENT HEALTH PLAN
PAYMENTS TO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
HEALTH CENTERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance the federal
Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program and federally
qualified health centers by requiring health plans other than
government payers licensed to do business in Hawaii to reimburse
critical access hospitals at one hundred and one per cent of
costs, consistent with Medicare, and to reimburse federally
qualified health centers at prospective payment system rates.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii
Health Systems Corporation, and the Hawaii Primary Care
Association. The Hawaii Medical Association supports the measure
with amendments. Your Committees received testimony supporting
the intent of the measure from Hawaii Medical Service Association.
Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by Summerlin
Life & Health Insurance Company.

Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed
on the Legislature's website.

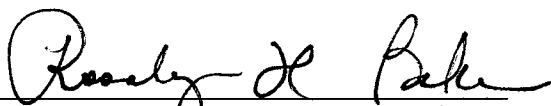


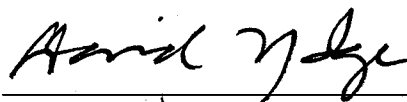
Your Committees find that rural hospitals and federally qualified health centers in Hawaii have been losing money at alarming rates over the past several years. These facilities provide necessary care to the community. Your Committees find that ensuring the viability of these facilities is crucial and requires that payment for services is adequate, at a minimum.

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

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 588, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 588, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce and Consumer
Protection,

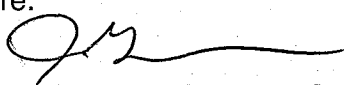

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SB 588</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">HTH / CPN</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">2-25-9</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
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	1	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <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>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

***Only one measure per Record of Votes**

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

*Only one measure per Record of Votes