

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2274

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2274 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure access to health care for Medicaid recipients by:

- (1) Establishing a nursing facility sustainability fee to be used to attract federal Medicaid matching funds under the QUEST Expanded Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Human Services to charge and collect a provider fee on health care items or services provided by nursing facilities.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Long Term Care Association, and an individual testified in support of this measure. Palolo Chinese Home testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Human Services, Department of Budget and Finance, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and two individuals submitted comments on this measure.



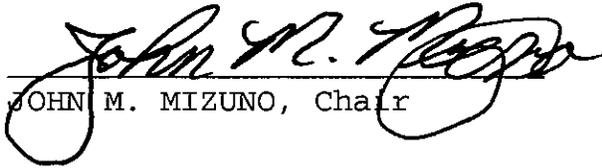
Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Exempting continuing care retirement communities from the nursing facility sustainability fee;
- (2) Rescheduling the fee payment from a quarterly basis to a monthly basis;
- (3) Specifying that a Section 1115 Waiver renewal and approval of contracts between the State and the Medicaid health plans may be necessary as the Department of Human Services seeks a waiver and other approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the nursing facility sustainability program;
- (4) Specifying that the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and Hawaii Long Term Care Association are also to receive documentation of the rate enhancement from the QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access plans;
- (5) Authorizing the State to modify the categories of facilities exempt from the assessment and the rate adjustment if necessary to obtain approval of the waiver and plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

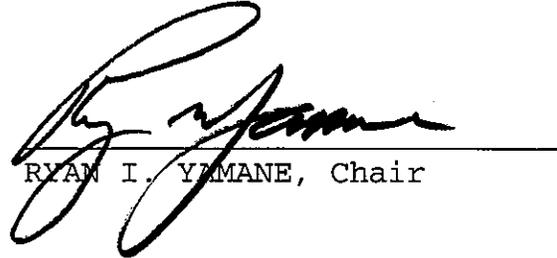
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2274, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2274, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2274	Committee Referral: HLT/AUS, FIN	Date: 1/31/12		
<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 checked="" 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. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
5. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
6. LEE, Chris	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
9. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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