

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2309
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2309, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide incentives for individuals to obtain long-term care insurance, by requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a program that partners with the federal government to allow individuals who purchase and maintain a qualifying long-term care insurance policy to receive medicaid benefits, even if the individual has assets that would ordinarily disqualify the individual from receiving these benefits.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from a concerned individual. The Department of Human Services submitted written comments in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to reduce future medicaid costs and eliminate dependence on medicaid by encouraging individuals to insure against the potentially high costs of long-term care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

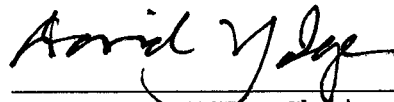
- (1) Merging the definitions of "partnership" and "state medicaid agency," as the latter term is only used in the definition of "partnership";



- (2) Clarifying that the exemption from medicaid benefit disqualifications based on an individual's assets also applies to individuals who have not yet received medicaid benefits; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2309, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2309, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2309, SD1	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2-23-12		
<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)	/	/		
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		/		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	1	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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