

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

570

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1467
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1467, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend policy and insurer
requirements for the Hawaii Health Connector (the Connector) by,
among other things:

- (1) Authorizing the Connector to offer large group coverage
to insurers, beginning January 1, 2017;
- (2) Mandating insurers having a small group market share in
the State that exceeds twenty percent to offer coverage
through the Connector;
- (3) Encouraging full participation in the Connector by
prohibiting the issuance of transitional renewal
policies beginning January 1, 2016, and expanding notice
requirements for group health plans offering
continuation coverage;
- (4) Expanding the small business market in the Connector by
increasing the number of employees needed to qualify as
a "small employer" from 50 to 100, pursuant to federal
law;

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- (5) Requiring health insurers offering qualified plans to offer federally-qualified health centers the opportunity to contract for services covered by the qualified plan; and
- (6) Requiring health insurers with a greater than 20 percent share of the State's small group health insurance market to offer at least one silver and at least one gold qualified health plan as a condition of participation in the individual market of the Connector.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association testified in support of this measure. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Hawaii Medical Service Association testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Hawaii Health Connector provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the requirement for health insurers with greater than 20 percent share of the State's small group health insurance market to offer at least one gold and one platinum qualified health plan, as a condition of participation in the individual market of the Connector.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1467, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1467, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1467 HD 1		Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN		Date: 02/18/15	
<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)					
CPC Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)		✓			
2. WOODSON, Justin H. (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓			
4. BROWER, Tom		✓			
5. CREAGAN, Richard P.		✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.			✓		
7. HASHEM, Mark J.		✓			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.					✓
9. LEE, Chris		✓			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.		✓			
11. OSHIRO, Marcus R.			✓		
12. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.			✓		
13. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		✓			
14. YAMANE, Ryan I.					✓
15. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth			✓		
16. MCDERMOTT, Bob					✓
TOTAL (16)		9	4		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. _____ committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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