

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2018

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RE: S.B. No. 2924
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2924, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the individual mandate for health insurance coverage afforded under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 is preserved under Hawaii law.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires a qualified taxpayer to obtain and maintain affordable, creditable coverage for each of the twelve months of the taxable year at the risk of incurring a tax penalty;
- (2) Provides a religious exemption; and
- (3) Requires the Insurance Commissioner to establish a process to determine whether a health plan is affordable and for a taxpayer to contest a penalty.



IMUAlliance testified in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Taxation, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Alliance of Health Care Sharing Ministries, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and an individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting members of a health care sharing ministry from the requirement of obtaining affordable, creditable coverage for months the member maintains a membership with the health care sharing ministry; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2924, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2924, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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

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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 2924, SD2, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HHS, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/21/18</i>		
<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. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				✓
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
7. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. McDERMOTT, Bob		✓		
TOTAL (11)	7	1	0	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: <i>Girdedchiana</i>				
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