

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1881
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1881
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICE BILLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect patient access to
health care by addressing unanticipated medical coverage gaps for
patients who receive emergency services from non-participating
providers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Insurance
Division, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Medical
Service Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and one individual.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii American College of
Emergency Physicians, and Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from Healthcare
Association of Hawaii, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and Adventist
Health Castle.

Your Committee finds that surprise bills are an unwelcome
shock to patients who receive unanticipated or emergency out-of-
network health care services from a provider. These surprise
bills place significant financial burdens on patients. These



financial burdens are especially painful in a State with a high cost of living. Your Committee finds that this measure offers an opportunity to continue the conversation in addressing these surprise billing practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the billing requirements for emergency services;
- (2) Requiring the use of dispute resolution when a dispute exists as to the reimbursement of a nonparticipating provider;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1881, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1881, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1881	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 2-4-20		
<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. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	✓			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.	✓			
5. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				✓
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
8. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (8)	7	0	0	1
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: <u><i>Bl. Kefu</i></u>				
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