

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2023

RE: S.B. No. 397
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 397, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL MEDICAID SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to increase Medicaid payments to eligible health care professionals by up to one hundred percent of the current Medicare rates.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Department of Human Services, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Pacific Health, AARP Hawaii, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Hawaii Dental Service, American Physical Therapy Association of Hawaii, Big Island Docs, Hawaii Association of Health Plans, Hawaii Care Choices, Hawaii Medical Service Association, AlohaCare, Dr. Smith Family Medicine, The Queen's Health System, Hawaii Medical Association, Hilo Medical Center, and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that providing Medicaid payments at one hundred percent of the Medicare rate will help the State recruit and retain health care providers, improve patients' access to



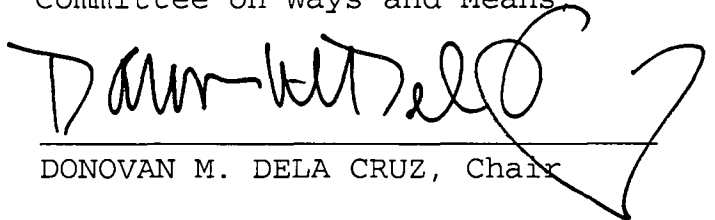
care, and offer valuable training opportunities for medical students and residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount from \$30,000,000 to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 397, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 397, S.D. 2.

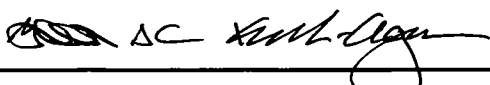
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 397 SDI	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2/10/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado				X
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes