STAND. COM. REP. NO. 825-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1546
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1546, 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:

(1) Establish a three-year Health Coverage Continuity Pilot Program within the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to assist individuals who have lost Medicaid health insurance coverage and lack access to other health insurance options;

(2) Authorize the Department of Human Services to contract with a nonprofit health insurer or community-based organization to operate the Pilot Program under certain circumstances;

(3) Authorize the Department of Human Services to issue premium subsidies in certain circumstances; and

(4) Require reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Executive Office on Aging; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Psychological Association; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; Indivisible Hawai'i Healthcare Team; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and Hawaii Association of Health Plans.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1546, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

CHRIS TODD, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature HSCR 825-24

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB1546, HD1	HSH, CPC, FIN	2/26/24

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☑ Pass, unamended (as is) ☐ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TODD, Chris (C)	✓			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	✓			
3. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	✓			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika	✓			
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	✓			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
8. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
9. LEE, Mike	✓			
10. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	✓			
11. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
12. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. ALCOS III, David		✓		
16. GEDEON, Joe	✓			
17. REYES ODA, Julie	✓			
TOTAL (17) 16	15	1	0	0

The recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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