

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 275

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fc49, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1698

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1698
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide affordable, comprehensive insurance coverage to gap group part-time, self-employed, or sole-proprietor workers, by allowing small insurers that have less than 30 per cent of the market share to combine different types of health- and sicknes-related insurance benefits into single unified policies.

The Hawaii Management Alliance Association and the Hawaii Association of REALTORS testified in support of this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Medical Service Association opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

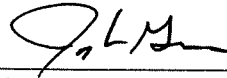
- (1) Changing the effective date to December 31, 2099, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

HB1698 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2007-1933



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. 1698, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1698, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Economic Development & Business Concerns and Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



