

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 1993  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1993 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the provision of continuous, cost-effective care for Hawaii's uninsured residents by appropriating funds to provide direct health care to the uninsured, including primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care, through Hawaii's community health centers.

The Hawaii Primary Care Association, West Hawaii Community Health Center, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XII, Bay Clinic, Inc., Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc., Hawaii Chapter-American Physical Therapy Association, Waikiki Health Center, Moloka'i Community Health Center, Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii, Waimanalo Health Center, and many concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

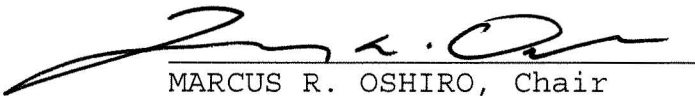
- (1) Changing the appropriation for the provision of direct health care to the uninsured to an unspecified amount;



- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency and style.

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. 1993, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1993, H.D. 1.

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

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



