

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 5, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2015  
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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2015  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure access to quality  
health care by prohibiting health plans from requiring prior  
authorization for persons to receive general obstetric /  
gynecological (OBGYN) services or treatment for hepatitis C.

The Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this bill.  
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical  
Service Association submitted comments.

Your Committee wishes to clarify that the provisions of this  
bill are strictly to ensure a woman access to routine OBGYN care  
and are not meant in any way to include abortion procedures.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the  
effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further  
discussion.

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.  
2015, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second



Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2015, H.D. 1, and  
be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

*Josh Green M.D.*  

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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCB 149

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2015	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, CPC	<b>Date:</b> 1-23-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	/			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
7. RHOADS, Karl	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				/
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	9			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>John M. ...</i>				
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