STAND. COM. REP. NO. 187 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii Febb , 2008 RE: H.B. No. 2224

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. 2224 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure health care coverage for part-time employees by requiring insurers that offer health care coverage to the regular employees of any group or association to offer the same coverage to part-time employees working at least 15 hours per week.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Service Association supported the intent of this measure. A concerned individual supported this bill with amendments. Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. Kaiser Permanente submitted comments.

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. 2224 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.



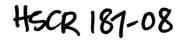
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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

<u>Jrun M.D.</u> GREEN, M.D., Chair JOSHDA B.



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2224	Committee Referral: HLT, EDB, CPC			Date: Z-1-08		
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)						
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)		V				
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)		V				
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani		\checkmark				
4. BELATTI, Della Au						
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III						
5. DERTRAM, Joe, III						
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.		V				
7. RHOADS, Karl		V				
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.		V				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		V				
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10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.						
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TOTAL (10)		R			2	
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted If joint referral,						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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