

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 1, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 104
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 104, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to improve access to medical care by:

- (1) Establishing a process by which Medicaid fee-for-service individual provider reimbursement rates are increased annually for inflation;
- (2) Retroactively adjusting for inflation, payments made to providers of hospital outpatient services and other individual providers; and
- (3) Appropriating funds:



- (A) To adjust for inflation, payments made to Medicaid fee-for-service hospitals; and
- (B) For the State's portion of the federal disproportionate share hospital allowance.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the provisions related to an annual increase in Medicaid fee-for service individual provider reimbursement rates;
- (2) Removing the retroactive payment adjustment;
- (3) Removing the appropriation for inflation, payments made to Medicaid fee-for-service hospitals;
- (4) Inserting an amount of \$7,376,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the State's portion of the federal disproportionate share hospital allowance; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 104, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 104, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

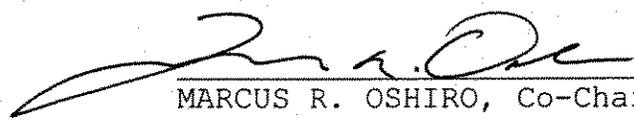
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