

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

177

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1277
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and
Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 1277 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update the laws
regulating legal service plans to enable the insurance
commissioner to exert more effective oversight of these plans.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs.

Your Committees find that legal service plans have a low rate
of compliance with applicable regulatory laws. Your Committees
further find that there is currently no periodic renewal process
for legal services plans. Therefore, the Insurance Commissioner
has no way to track the continued existence and legitimate
operations of legal services plans within the State, or to
effectively enforce compliance with the applicable laws. Your
Committees also find that the provisions of this measure will
allow the Insurance Commissioner to operate with more certainty
and efficiency in exerting oversight of legal service plans in
this State.

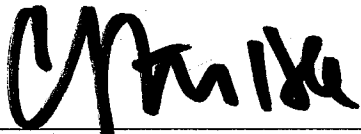
Your Committees have amended this measure by:



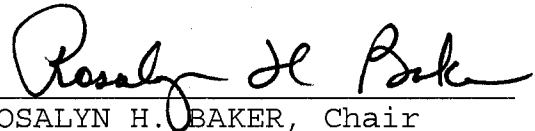
- (1) Adding a provision to require notice to the Insurance Commissioner of a plan's intention to cease operations and of provisions made for the disposition of accumulated funds; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1277, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1277, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Commerce and
Consumer Protection and
Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
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