

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2011

RE: S.B. No. 595

S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 595  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a tax credit equal to one hundred percent of the amount of medical malpractice insurance premium paid by a physician if at least fifteen percent of a physician's total patient case load consists of patients on Medicaid. The intent of this measure is to address the shortage of physicians who are willing to accept Medicaid patients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The League of Women Voters of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

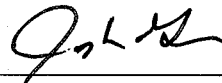
Your Committee finds that this measure will help to reward doctors who are acting in the public interest by providing critical health care services to patients who rely upon Medicaid for their health care payments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by reducing the amount of the tax credit available under this measure from one hundred percent to twenty-five percent of the amount of medical malpractice insurance premium paid by a qualified physician.



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 S.B. No. 595, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 595, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Health**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 595</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/9/11</i>		
<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
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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