

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3268

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1724
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1724, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that patients waitlisted for long-term care receive timely and appropriate medical care.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Department of Human Services to apply medicaid presumptive eligibility for patients based upon income, assets, confirmation of waitlisted status, and care requirements;
- (2) Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a series of reports to the Legislature regarding costs and other issues related to medicaid presumptive eligibility;
- (3) Requires the Department of Human Services to conduct a study of a computerized medicaid applications system to resolve problems with processing medicaid applications, including current inefficiencies;



- (4) Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the study of the computerized medicaid applications system; and
- (5) Appropriates funds to cover reimbursement costs for services provided.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and Kaiser Permanente.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that in Hawaii hospitals, at any given time, there are an average of one hundred-fifty patients who are waitlisted for long-term care. These patients place a drain on hospital resources. Implementing medicaid presumptive eligibility will help reduce the delay in receiving long-term care services by shortening the lengthy medicaid eligibility process.

Your Committee further finds that requiring the Department of Human Services to study a computerized medicaid applications system and submit a corresponding report along with reports regarding presumptive medicaid eligibility will help to provide medicaid eligible patients with timely and appropriate medical care while reducing unnecessary expenses for medical care providers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Human Services shall notify the patient's provider, instead of the facility, of the patient's presumptive eligibility upon receipt of the application; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1724, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1724, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.



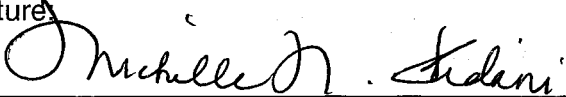
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

David Y. Ige

DAVID Y. IGE Chair

The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB1724 HDI SDI	HMS, WAM	3-29-12		
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The Recommendation is:				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert				/
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam			/	
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Chair's or Designee's Signature				
				
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