

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 727  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "qualified plan" for the purposes of inclusion in the Hawaii Health Connector by requiring that a qualified plan be deemed to be a silver, gold, or platinum plan.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical Service Association provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "qualified plan" under the Hawaii Health Connector to specify that a plan must be a bronze plan, silver plan, gold plan, or platinum plan for individual plans and a gold plan or platinum plan for small business health options program plans pursuant to the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and

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- (3) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 727, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 727, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



