

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1362-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2008

RE: H.C.R. No. 62

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.C.R. No. 62 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS  
THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS  
TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM  
SPECTRUM DISORDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the  
Auditor to conduct an impact assessment report of the social and  
financial impacts of mandating health insurers to provide coverage  
for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders and  
submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature prior to  
the convening of the Regular Session of 2009.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the  
Disability and Communication Access Board, Autism Speaks (formerly  
Cure Autism Now), the Hawaii Disability Rights Center (formerly  
the Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii), Kaiser Permanente,  
parents of an autistic child and concerned citizens supported the  
intent of the measure. HMSA expressed concerns and provided  
comments.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of  
H.C.R. No. 62 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee  
on Legislative Management.

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



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



