

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3245

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2008

RE: S.C.R. No. 196
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 196 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct an impact assessment report, pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the social and financial impacts of mandating coverage of the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders for all policies and contracts, hospital and medical service plan contracts, medical service corporation contracts, and health maintenance organization plans and contracts issued after December 31, 2008, as provided in S.B. No. 2532 (2008).

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Autism Speaks, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and two individuals.

Your Committees find that an Auditor's sunrise study is required before health insurance coverage can be mandated for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Your Committees further find that S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 1 has been

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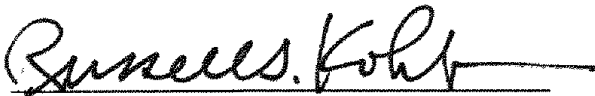


introduced in the Legislature and includes the information required for the Auditor to conduct the study and report requested by this measure.

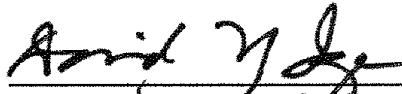
Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by clarifying that S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 1, that mandates coverage of the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, is the appropriate measure designated by the Legislature for the Auditor's report.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 196, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 196, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Affordable Housing,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair




DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



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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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			.
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)				✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
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KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
TOTAL	5			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
David Y. Ige

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