

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

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**Testimony in support of SCR 26.**

I am Chris Pablo, representing Rich Meiers and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. The Association advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 26, which requests the Auditor to submit to the Legislature findings and recommendations regarding mandating colorectal cancer screening for health care insurance.

Before any mandated health care insurance coverage may be considered by the Legislature, Section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires a concurrent resolution to be adopted requesting the Auditor to submit a report that assesses the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage. The Healthcare Association believes that the Auditor's study will identify relevant issues and assess the impacts of the proposed mandated coverage in an unbiased, objective manner.

For the foregoing reasons the Healthcare Association supports SCR 26.