

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 823
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 823, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that individuals receive adequate and quality health care by requiring health care plans to provide coverage for colorectal cancer screening by methods specified by the 2008 Colorectal Cancer Screening Guideline.

The American Cancer Society testified in support of this bill. The State Auditor supported the measure with amendments. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Association of Health Plans provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Including only procedures and tests for colorectal cancer detection recommended by the U.S. Preventative Service Task Force that have received a grade of an A or B; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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. 823, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 823, H.D. 2.

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



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



