

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 110

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 110 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND OBESITY TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to prevent the burden of medical and social problems people will face as adults and the associated medical costs to the health care system by requesting the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of requiring health insurers to provide coverage for weight management and obesity treatment for children.

The Department of Health, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, American Academy of Pediatrics-Hawaii Chapter, Hawaii Chapter-American Physical Therapy Association, and several concerned individuals supported this concurrent resolution. The Hawaii Medical Service Association submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 110 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



