

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2068

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB - 9 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2343
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2343
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
MAMMOGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit an insurer from
requiring a doctor's referral for annual mammograms for covered
individuals over forty years old.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc., the Asian American
Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training, Planned
Parenthood of Hawaii, the Oahu Filipino Community Council, the
Filipino American Citizens League, the Congress of Visayan
Organizations, the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, the Maui
Filipino Working Group, the National Federation of Filipino
American Associations Region XII, Filipinos for Affirmative
Action, the Philippine Nurses Association of Hawaii, and two
individual citizens. Your Committee received testimony in support
of the intent of the measure with amendments from Kaiser
Permanente and the American Cancer Society. The Department of
Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted comments. Written
testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the
Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that women over forty are at higher risk
for breast cancer and that annual mammograms would increase early

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detection. Your Committee further finds that, to minimize impediments that women face in getting mammograms, no-referral annual mammograms for women over forty need to be permitted.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the screening exam mentioned in the measure does not include a follow up exam.
- (2) Mandating that the results of the no-referral mammograms be sent to the patient's primary care physician or a physician designated by the patient.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2343, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2343, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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

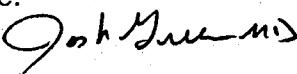


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2343	Committee Referral: HTH, CPN	Date: 02-01-10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
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)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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