

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**2398**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 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 Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2343, S.D. 1, 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 Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai'i, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, the Hawai'i Women's Coalition, and three individuals. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

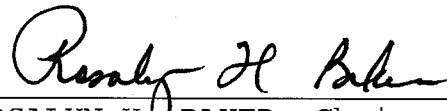
Your Committee finds that women over forty years of age are at an increased risk for breast cancer. Your Committee further finds that no-referral annual mammograms for covered women over forty will increase the likelihood of early detection of breast cancer which will increase the chances of survival for women diagnosed with this disease.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2343, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



