

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1506  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 1506 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Enable Hawaii's health care providers and insurers to recognize childhood obesity as a formal diagnosis and a billable provider visit;
- (2) Appropriate funds to acquire and distribute obesity management instructional toolkits to the State's pediatricians as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics Hawaii Chapter; and
- (3) To convene a working group under the Department of Health to assess the root causes of childhood obesity and explore the areas of nutrition and preventative care.

The intent of this measure is to combat childhood obesity throughout the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Chapter American Physical Therapy Association, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Papa Ola Lokahi, the American Heart Association, the Hawaii Dietetic



Association, and six private citizens. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Association of Health Plans. Your Committees received comments on this measure from one private citizen.

Your Committees find that the United States is addressing an obesity epidemic of historical proportions and more efforts are needed to combat this problem by addressing obesity at an early age. Testimony received on this measure indicates that although health plans provide a range of preventative services, more insurance coverage is needed to address childhood obesity. Your Committees also find that, by initially narrowing the coverage requirements for childhood obesity-related doctor visits, small group collaboration will be encouraged and such collaboration will allow the State to better gauge the potential effectiveness of a larger-scale insurance coverage mandate for the treatment of childhood obesity problems.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing a Childhood Obesity Pilot Program rather than simply enabling Hawaii's health care providers and insurers to recognize childhood obesity as a formal diagnosis and a billable provider visit;
- (2) Limiting the scope of the insurance coverage for childhood obesity-related doctor visits to health care providers participating in the Childhood Obesity Pilot Program; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for the administration of the Childhood Obesity Pilot Program.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1506, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1506, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



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



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair





The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1506	HTH/CPN, WAM	2/10/2011		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	3
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