

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2, 2012

RE: H.R. No. 7

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 7 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FERTILITY PRESERVATION PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER AND WILL UNDERGO TREATMENT THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT FERTILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to:

- (1) Conduct an impact assessment report pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, on the social and financial effects of mandating health insurance coverage for fertility preservation procedures for persons who are of reproductive age and have been diagnosed with cancer and will undergo treatment that may adversely affect the person's fertility as described under H.B. No. 2105 (Regular Session of 2012); and
- (2) Submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Legislature at least 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013.

The American Cancer Society and the representative from the Thirty-Eighth District testified in support of this measure.

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Your Committee notes that adoption of this measure will enable consideration of H.B. No. 2105, introduced during the Regular Session of 2012, to mandate health insurance coverage for fertility preservation procedures.

Your Committee also notes that it is important to understand the financial impact to all consumers should the proposal contained in H.B. No. 2105 be enacted.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 7 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

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

for 
ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



