

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2074

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2310

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2310 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide the Department of Human Services with the funding it requires to match federal funds allocated to the State for Medicaid benefits dedicated to adult vision services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hamakua Health Center; the Hawaii Optometric Association; the Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Project Vision Hawaii; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that funding Medicaid benefits dedicated to adult vision services will greatly assist the maintenance of vision. The deterioration of adult vision often serves as an indicator of diabetes, heart disease, and other diseases with high mortality rates, and impacts the vitality of a healthy society.

Your Committee notes that although the intent of this measure is supported, opposition to the measure cautions that given the State's current fragile fiscal situation, funding this measure through a general fund appropriation would not be prudent. Therefore, your Committee urges the Committee on Ways and Means to consider other, more appropriate funding sources to restore the provision of valuable vision services.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2310 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

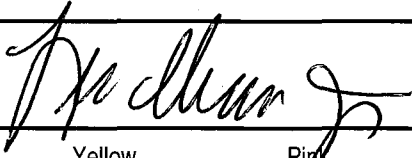
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The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2310	Committee Referral: HMS, VAM	Date: 1-31-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes