

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2778

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2631
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2631, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders by all accident and health or sickness insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Academy of Physicians, Papa Ola Lokahi - Native Hawaiian Health Board, Autism Speaks, Autism Behavior Consulting Group, and ten individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and Hawaii Financial Services Association.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the American Council of Life Insurers.

Your Committee acknowledges the seriousness of autism spectrum disorders and recognizes the impacts that these disorders have on patients and their families. However, your Committee finds that recent changes in insurance and health care law may affect the availability of the coverage required by this measure in ways that are not clear, and further study is needed.

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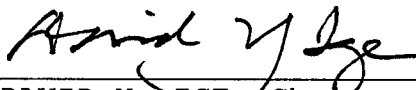
Your Committee notes that, in 2009, the Auditor submitted to the Governor and the Legislature a report entitled *Study of the Social and Financial Impacts of Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders*. Accordingly, your Committee requests that the Auditor update this 2009 report based upon the services proposed by this measure and in light of the changes to insurance coverage required by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, style, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2631, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2631, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2631 SD1	Committee Referral: HTH/CPN, WAM	Date: 2-24-12		
<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 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)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			✓ <i>mak</i>
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i> 1 <i>mak</i>
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;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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