SB2084 SD1

Measure Title:

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

Report Title:

Mammogram Insurance Coverage; Referrals

Description:

Prohibits an insurer from requiring a doctor's referral for annual covered screening

mammograms for insureds over the age of forty. (SD1)

Companion:

HB2035

Package:

None

Current Referral: HTH, CPN

Introducer(s):

GREEN, BAKER, ESPERO, Chun Oakland

Sort by Date		Status Text
1/19/2012	S	Introduced.
1/19/2012	S	Passed First Reading.
1/20/2012	S	Referred to HTH, CPN.
1/24/2012	S	The committee(s) on HTH has scheduled a public hearing on 01-27-12 2:45PM in conference room 229.
1/27/2012	S	The committee(s) on HTH recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in HTH were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Green, Nishihara, Baker, Chun Oakland, Wakai; Aye(s) with reservations: none; 0 No(es): none; and 2 Excused: Senator(s) Shimabukuro, Slom.
2/15/2012	S	Reported from HTH (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2183) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to CPN.
2/15/2012	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to CPN.
2/21/2012	s	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-24-12 9:00AM in conference room 229.



February 24, 2012

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: SB 2084 SD1 - Relating to Health Insurance

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Richard Jackson and I am chair of the Public Policy Committee of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans (HAHP). HAHP is a non-profit organization consisting of eight (8) member organizations: AlohaCare, HMAA, HMSA, HWMG, Kaiser Permanente, MDX Hawai'i, UHA, and UnitedHealthcare. Our mission is to promote initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of Hawaii. HAHP is also active participants in the legislative process. Before providing any testimony, all HAHP member organizations must be in unanimous agreement of the statement or position.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2084 SD1 which would allow covered individuals over the age of forty to self-refer for annual screening mammograms.

HAHP understands the importance of preventative care, and believes that by eliminating the requirement of a doctor's referral for screening purposes more women will obtain mammograms. Research has shown that early detection is key in the treatment of breast cancer. HAHP also fully supports the provision that a doctor's referral shall be required for any necessary follow-up services in order to best facilitate care.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2084 SD1 today.

Sincerely,

Richard Jackson

Chair, Public Policy Committee

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