

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1535

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 154

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 154, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH
INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TOBACCO USE CESSATION TREATMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of requiring
health insurers in Hawaii to cover tobacco use cessation
treatments.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from Tobacco-Free Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from
the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that smoking is costly to employers and
the State in terms of smoking-related medical expenses and lost
productivity. Your Committee further finds that smoking is the
leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Tobacco
use cessation treatments that include counseling are more
effective at helping people stop using tobacco products than the
mere provision of educational or self-help materials.

Senate Bill No. 654 (2013) mandates all individuals and group
accident and health or sickness insurance policies to provide

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tobacco use cessation treatment coverage with no copayment, deductible, or coinsurance restrictions. Your Committee finds that this concurrent resolution is necessary to fulfill the conditions of section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires a concurrent resolution to be passed to request the Auditor to submit an assessment to the Legislature of the social and financial effects of any mandated health insurance benefit.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 154, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 154, SDI</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH / CPN, WAM</i>	Date: <i>4-5-13</i>		
<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 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	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	11	0	1	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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