

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1493

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 18
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. 18, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK
FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PROVISION
OF OBESITY PREVENTION-RELATED SERVICES AND COUNSELING IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION
AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge government,
non-profit, and private health care organizations to collaborate
on improving the provision of obesity-related services and
counseling by health care providers, as mandated under Patient
Protection and Affordable Care Act guidelines.

Specifically, the measure requests the Department of Health
to establish an Obesity Prevention Healthcare Reimbursement Task
Force to:

- (1) Assess gaps in health care providers' ability to prevent
and provide treatment for obesity-related services and
counseling;
- (2) Investigate providers' reimbursement options for the
provision of these services;
- (3) Educate providers about these reimbursement options;



- (4) Encourage providers' utilization of reimbursement options; and
- (5) Research how other states are implementing obesity prevention reimbursement practices.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Health, and Hawaii Pacific Health.

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

Your Committee finds that obesity is a major health and economic concern for Hawaii, which results in higher medical costs and lower quality of life. Your Committee also finds that, in 2009, over \$470,000,000 was spent on obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawaii. Unless obesity prevention and treatment services are easily accessible, such expenditures are likely to continue to increase. Your Committee further finds that passage of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides an opportunity to assess gaps in healthcare providers' ability to prevent and treat obesity in Hawaii.

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. 18, 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.:* SCR18, SDI	Committee Referral: H/H/CPN, WAM	Date: 4/5/13		
<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	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i>				
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