

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2174
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2174
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve long-term outcomes
for persons with autism spectrum disorders by requiring health
insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance
organizations to provide coverage for autism spectrum disorder
treatment.

The Department of Health; Hawaii Medical Association; Special
Education Advisory Council; Hawaii Disability Rights Center;
Mental Health America of Hawaii; UNITE HERE, Local 5; and several
individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The
State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Easter Seals Hawaii,
and Family Voices of Hawaii provided testimony in support of the
intent of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer
Affairs, Department of Human Services, State Auditor, Office of
Information Practices, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Medical
Service Association, American Council of Life Insurers, The
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and a few individuals provided
comments on this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2174, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2174</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/5/14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>[Signature]</i>				
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