

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2804

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 1227  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1227, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE FOR BRAIN INJURIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require insurers, hospital and medical service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for survivors of brain injuries.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and oral testimony in support from two individuals. Written comments in opposition were received from the Department of Human Services, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Kaiser Permanente. The Behavioral Health Administration of the Department of Health and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that survivors of traumatic brain injuries face a long and difficult rehabilitation process that may not be covered by certain health benefit plans. Your Committee further finds that insurers should be required to provide coverage for traumatic brain injuries, to protect the health and well-being of the people of this State.

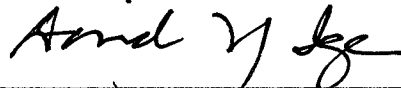


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the coverage for post-acute transition services or community reintegration services shall include outpatient day treatment services or other post-acute care treatment services;
- (2) Requiring the Auditor, rather than the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the economic impact of the expanded coverage on affected insurers; and
- (3) 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 Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1227, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1227, S.D. 2.

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



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DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1227 SD1	HHA/CPN, WAM	2-26-14		
<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	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
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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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