

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

788

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1240

S.D. 2

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.B. No. 1240, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDIATRIC DENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure pediatric dental coverage for all individuals under the age of nineteen years.

More specifically, this measure requires the Hawaii Health Connector to require all individuals under the age of nineteen to purchase essential health benefits, including pediatric health coverage.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, State Insurance Commissioner.

Your Committee finds that providing access to dental care services for children is an important health issue for the State.

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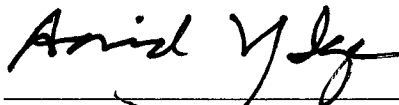
Studies show that early detection of dental issues and preventative dental care are crucial in preventing long-term and costly health issues. Accordingly, your Committee believes that this measure will ensure that all children in the State have access to dental benefits insurance coverage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the word "ensure" with the word "require";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; 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. 1240, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1240, S.D. 2.

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



DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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SB 1240 SD1	HTH/CPN, WAM	2-27-13		
<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 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			✓	
TOTAL	6	3	1	3
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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