

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 2013

RE: S.B. No. 654

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 654
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to mandate health insurance coverage for treatments related to the cessation of tobacco use and inform policyholders about the availability of the new coverage.

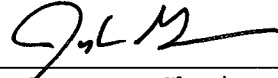
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, American Heart Association, and Kaiser Permanente. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that cigarette smoking is a significant cause of preventable disease and death in Hawaii. Approximately 176,000 adults in Hawaii report being current smokers. This measure will assist smokers in ending their addiction by improving their access to smoking cessation programs.

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 S.B. No. 654 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.



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

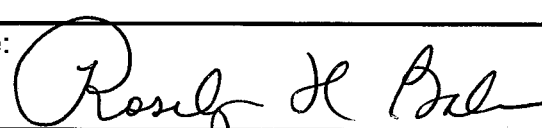


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 654	HTH, CPN	1/28/13		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			X	
TOTAL	4	—	1	—
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes