

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 15, 2014

RE: S.C.R. No. 35
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Consumer Protection & Commerce,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 35, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH
INSURERS TO PROVIDE INFERTILITY PROCEDURE COVERAGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
conduct an impact assessment report of the social and financial
impacts of mandating coverage for infertility procedure coverage
by all health insurers, as proposed in S.B. No. 2909, S.D. 1, from
the Regular Session of 2014.

Your committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Kaiser Permanente. Two individuals supported the measure with
amendments. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
offered comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by requesting that
the Auditor's impact assessment report additionally examine
statutory compliance requirements regarding state mandated
benefits across Essential Health Benefits Benchmarks Plans. Your
Committees have further amended this measure by requesting the
Auditor to research the underwriting of the existing Hawaii IVF
mandated Essential Health Benefit over the past twenty-seven years
since it was first passed.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 35, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 35, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Consumer Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



