

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 65  
S.D. 1

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.C.R. No. 65, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO  
ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH  
INSURERS TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Auditor to conduct an assessment on the social and financial  
impacts of mandating coverage for hearing aids under the policies  
and plans of health insurers and like entities as proposed under  
S.B. No. 309, S.D. 1 (2013).

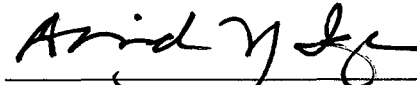
Your Committee received written comments in support of this  
measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Your Committee finds that while some degree of hearing loss  
is common among the elderly, Medicare and most private insurers do  
not cover the cost of hearing aids.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 65,  
S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.



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



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



