

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

847

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1178
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1178, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the reimbursement rate for acupuncture treatments allowed under personal injury protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance.

Specifically, the measure increases the acupuncture treatment rate from \$75 to \$105.70 per visit and establishes a formula based on the Medicare economic index to annually adjust the treatment rate thereafter.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Institute for Clinical Acupuncture and one individual. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Insurers Council.

Your Committee finds that increasing the reimbursement rate for authorized treatment by licensed acupuncturists would address inflation and the increased cost of providing care, as the reimbursement rate has not increased in twenty years.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the maximum per-visit amount for acupuncture treatment from \$105.70 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2053, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 1178, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1178, S.D. 2.

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

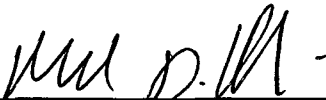


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB178 SD1	Committee Referral: CPN, WAM	Date: 2/27/15		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	8	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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