

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2323
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2323 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OF HEALTH
SCREENINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure insurance
coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings, including
screenings for human immunodeficiency virus and acquired
immunodeficiency syndrome, during a female insured's annual
gynecological examination.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; The American Congress of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section; Hawaii Medical
Association; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii State
Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Healthy Mothers, Healthy
Babies; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs,
Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board of
Directors, and American Council of Life Insurers.

Your Committee finds that despite clear national
recommendations for sexually transmitted disease testing, rates of
testing in young women are troublingly low. This is of particular
concern in Hawaii, which has the fifteenth highest rate of
chlamydial infection in the country, with significant disparities
across age and racial and ethnic groups in disease prevalence.



Unrecognized and untreated sexually transmitted infections can result in pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy, infertility, and chronic pelvic pain. Your Committee further finds that research has shown that preventive health services can save lives and improve health by identifying illnesses earlier, managing illnesses more effectively, and treating illnesses before they develop into more complicated, debilitating conditions. Furthermore, under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, private health plans are required to cover recommended preventive health services without any patient cost sharing.

Your Committee additionally finds that this measure proposes to ensure insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings, including screenings for human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, during a female insured's annual gynecologic examination. However, according to testimony received by your Committee, sexually transmitted disease testing may be medically indicated more often than annually and is often indicated outside of an annual gynecologic examination.

Finally, your Committee notes that after further discussion with the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, it appears that the insurance coverage proposed by this measure would not trigger a new mandate for health insurance coverage for grandfathered and transitional health care plans.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the insurance coverage proposed by this measure shall cover sexually transmitted disease testing in accordance with national professional guidelines, such as those of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- (2) Clarifying that the insurance coverage proposed by this measure shall not apply to limited benefit health insurance coverage as described in section 431:10A-102.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2323, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2323, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2323	Committee Referral: CPH, WAM	Date: 2-2-16		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	7			
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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