

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3151

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 141

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.C.R. No. 141 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF
INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE TESTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of insurance coverage for
sexually transmitted disease testing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, Kaiser
Permanente Hawaii, and LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of
Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that early detection of sexually
transmitted diseases is paramount to proper health care.
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.

Your Committee further finds that under the federal Patient
Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Affordable Care Act),
private health plans are required to cover a range of preventive
services without any patient cost sharing. Mandating insurance
coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings will
therefore increase diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted
diseases in Hawaii, which will result in a decrease in the rates

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of infection and costs associated with sexually transmitted diseases.

Your Committee additionally finds that House Bill No. 1897, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and Senate Bill No. 2323, S.D. 2, introduced during the Regular Session of 2016, ensure that all insurers in the State provide insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings. Your Committee notes that House Bill No. 1897, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 and Senate Bill No. 2323, S.D. 2, contain an exemption from the requirement for an Auditor's report associated with new mandates for health insurance coverage, since most health insurance plans in the State already provide insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings. This measure is intended to serve as a backup measure, should House Bill No. 1897, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and Senate Bill No. 2323, S.D. 2, fail to pass the Legislature and become enacted.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 141 and recommends that it 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
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<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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