

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3418

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 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 Ways and Means, 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 as proposed in S.B. No. 2323,
S.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that patients may be unable to determine
in advance if their health insurance covers testing for sexually
transmitted diseases and thus may refrain from seeking appropriate
testing because of the potential cost. Similarly, some health
care providers may not screen for such diseases even though the
Affordable Care Act requires insurance to cover recommended
testing without patient cost sharing. Yet, the economic cost of
sexually transmitted disease testing is minimal compared to the
economic and other costs associated with treating those
infections. Your Committee accordingly finds that the Legislature
needs more information on the social and financial impacts of any
mandatory health insurance coverage of testing for sexually
transmitted diseases.



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. 141 and recommends its adoption.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



