

SCR49/SR23

Measure Title: URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENDORSE THE "SCREEN AT 23" CAMPAIGN THAT SCREENS ADULT ASIAN AMERICANS FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES AT A BODY MASS INDEX OF 23.

Report Title: Body Mass Index; Asian American Residents; Diabetes

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Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 7:00:22 PM



Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker and Senator Michelle Kidani
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol

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Recently released research affecting Asian Americans highly recommends type 2 diabetes screening at a body mass index (BMI) of 23 compared to the standard screening threshold of a BMI of 25. Discovering the diagnosis earlier is critical for timely treatment, preventing prediabetes from progressing to a diabetes diagnosis, reducing associated damaging and sometimes fatal conditions, and lowering the cost of care and undue burden diabetes places on those affected and their Ohana. Beyond the statistics affiliated with diabetes, there are real lives at stake for whom early detection and prevention of diabetes is key to positive health outcomes and minimizing healthcare costs.

Asian Americans make up more than half of the State of Hawaii’s population. By addressing these risk factors appropriately and as recommended for this population; we are taking great strides towards achieving our goal to Stop Diabetes!

I look forward to addressing your questions and thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,
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Dear Honorable Sen. Rosalyn Baker and Sen. Michelle Kidani
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Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016 11:34:26 AM

Dear Honorable Sen. Rosalyn Baker and Sen. Michelle Kidani
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Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 8:12:36 AM

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Dear Honorable Sen. Rosalyn Baker and Sen. Michelle Kidani
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Dear Honorable Sen. Rosalyn Baker and Sen. Michelle Kidani
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Thank you,

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Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 12:28:15 PM

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I have known a number of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have type 2 diabetes who are in fact slender and never have been obese. Since there is a strong hereditary component to this illness, early screening and detection of this illness is very necessary. I have type 2 diabetes which went undiagnosed for some time, and am beginning to suffer the complication of kidney disease, which is a burden on the healthcare system.

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Sincerely,

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Randolph C. Hack
Thank you for writing!

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Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 12:19:35 PM

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RED STRIDERS & RED RIDERS

These are photos of people living with diabetes here in Hawaii, attending American Diabetes Association events.



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I was one of the co-authors of both the research paper and the position paper that provided evidence that Asian Americans were at risk for type 2 diabetes at body mass index (BMI) levels lower than for other races/ethnicities. We wrote that screening for type 2 diabetes in Asian Americans should begin at a body mass index (BMI) of 23 rather than the standard threshold BMI of 25. Based upon these papers, the ADA lowered the BMI standard for screening of Asian Americans for diabetes to 23.

Lowering the BMI threshold for Asian Americans is extremely important by alerting health care providers to do proper diagnostic tests for diabetes earlier in a population that has already been shown to be at high risk for type 2 diabetes. Moreover, this is a group that makes up more than half of the State of Hawaii’s population. Earlier diagnosis will allow earlier treatment to reduce the damaging and sometimes fatal complicating conditions that accompany diabetes, thereby lowering the cost of care and undue burden diabetes places on those affected and their Ohana. In addition, earlier testing will lead to earlier diagnosis of prediabetes and treatment to prevent prediabetes from progressing to diabetes. There are real lives at stake for whom early detection and prevention of diabetes is key to positive health outcomes and minimizing health care costs.

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