

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1426

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 165

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 165 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS, MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY COGNITIVE REHABILITATION THERAPY FOR SURVIVORS OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Auditor assess the social and financial effects of requiring health insurance coverage for medically necessary cognitive rehabilitation therapy for survivors of traumatic brain injury as required by section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, before any legislative measure requiring insurance coverage for specific health services or specific diseases may be considered.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and two individuals.

Your Committee notes that Senate Bill No. 225, S.D.1, introduced in the 2017 Regular Session, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to

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provide coverage for medically necessary cognitive rehabilitation therapy for survivors of traumatic brain injury.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 165 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	✓			
3. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
4. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
5. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
6. TODD, Chris	✓			
7. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
TOTAL (7)	6	0	0	1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 