

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 27
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 27 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO RESTORE BASIC ADULT DENTAL BENEFITS TO MEDICAID ENROLLEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees in fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019; and
- (2) Requires the Department of Human Services to obtain the maximum federal matching funds available for this expenditure.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, Hawaii Public Health Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Public Health Institute, The Queen's Health Systems, ARC of Maui, Healthcare



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Association of Hawaii, Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i, and a concerned individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that oral health in the State is a pervasive and expensive public health crisis. Your Committee believes the restoration of basic adult dental benefits to medicaid enrollees would help to address this crisis. Your Committee further finds that lack of access to preventive oral health care has a negative impact on a person's health, especially for individuals with chronic diseases as well as pregnant women and their newborns.

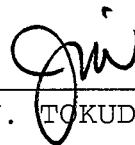
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation for fiscal year 2017-2018 from \$4,700,000 to an unspecified sum;
- (2) Changing the appropriation for fiscal year 2018-2019 from \$9,400,000 to an unspecified sum; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050 to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

Your Committee intends to consider including the appropriations under this measure in the executive budget.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 27, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 27, S.D. 1.

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

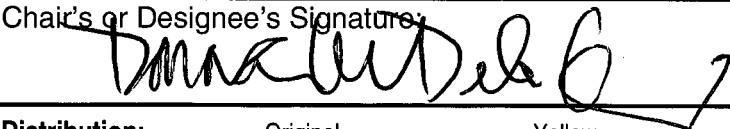


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 27	Committee Referral: HMS/CPH, WAM	Date: 2/23/17		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn				/
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes