

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **654**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 399
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. 399, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to change the allowable charge for acupuncture treatments provided through motor vehicle insurance.

More specifically, this measure ties the authorized charge for acupuncture treatments allowed under personal injury protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance to the workers' compensation supplemental medical fee schedule.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Hawaii Association for Justice.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from State Farm Insurance.

Your Committee finds that the charge allowed for acupuncture treatments has not increased in nearly twenty years, while rates for other services, such as physical therapy and medical office visits, have increased. Your Committee further finds that this freeze has resulted in a compensation rate that has not kept up



with inflation or the increased costs of providing acupuncture care.

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. 399, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 399 , SDI	CPH , WAM	2/24/17		
<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 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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
TOTAL	7			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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