

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 105
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.C.R. No. 105, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE 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 and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to conduct a "sunrise analysis" of mandating health
insurance coverage for medically necessary cognitive
rehabilitation therapy for survivors of traumatic brain injury.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board and the
Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

Your Committee notes that Senate Bill No. 225, S.D. 1,
proposes to mandate health insurance coverage for medically
necessary cognitive rehabilitation therapy for survivors of
traumatic brain injury.

Furthermore, section 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
the Auditor to conduct a "sunrise analysis" of new benefits



proposed to be mandated for health insurance coverage. If instructed by an adopted concurrent resolution, the Auditor is required to conduct the analysis on a specific legislative bill.

This measure is the concurrent resolution by which the Legislature requires the Auditor to conduct the "sunrise analysis" of the proposed cognitive therapy benefit proposed to be mandated under S.B. No. 225, S.D. 1.

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. 105, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



