

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1733-18

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28, 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 24

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 24 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS IN HAWAII TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT FOR OPIOID DEPENDENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of requiring health insurers in Hawaii to provide coverage for treatment for opioid dependence as required by sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prior to enactment of any mandate for insurance coverage of specific health services.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and two concerned individuals offered testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Health offered commented.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its substantive contents and:

- (1) Inserting language that requests that the Department of Health, using the framework of the Hawaii Opioid

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Initiative's existing working groups, conduct an assessment and provide a report on the current availability, utilization, and insurance coverage of substance abuse disorder treatment and services in the State and related effects on persons who need treatment; and

(2) Amending its title accordingly.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 24, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 24, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



