

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1324-18

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2018

RE: S.B. No. 535
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 535, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEARING AIDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require health insurers in the State to provide a minimum benefit of \$1,500 for a reasonably medically necessary hearing aid for each of a member's or beneficiary's hearing-impaired ears every thirty-six months.

The Disability and Communication Access Board, Aloha State Association of the Deaf, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and several individuals supported this measure. The Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical Service Association provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 535, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

SB535 SD2 HSCR CPC HMS 2018-3256



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,

R. Takumi

ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 535, SD2</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/21/10</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. ITO, Ken				/
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				✓
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
7. MIZUNO, John M.				✓
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
11. McDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (11)	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>R. de la Cruz</i>				
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