

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1027

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 01 2019**

RE: S.B. No. 467  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 467 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to restore diagnostic, preventative, and restorative dental benefits to adult Medicaid enrollees.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Lanai Community Health Center; Oral Health for All Hawaii; We Are One, Inc.; Hawaii State Rural Health Association; Hawaii Self Advocates Advisory Council; Hawaii Dental Hygienists Association; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Hoola Lahui Hawaii; Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; The Queen's Health Systems; Ohana Health Plan; AlohaCare; Kokua Kalihi Valley Community Health Center; Hawaii Dental Association; Hawaii Public Health Institute; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Primary Care Association.

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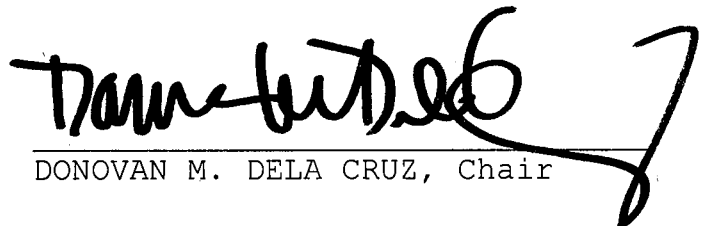
Your Committee finds that poor oral health is linked to many serious and chronic conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, strokes, depression, low birth weight, and premature birth. Your Committee notes that, without coverage for routine dental care, many Medicaid recipients seek emergency care for preventable oral health problems. Your Committee finds that restoring adult dental benefits would allow approximately one hundred eighty thousand Medicaid recipients in the State to maintain their health through early detection and treatment of dental conditions and oral diseases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from an unspecified amount to \$100,000 for each fiscal year in the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 467, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 467, S.D. 1.

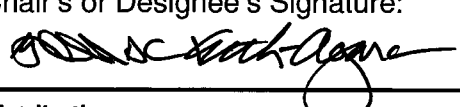
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB467</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/20/19</b>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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