

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 4, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 481

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 481
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that coverage for
digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis is included in the
existing health insurance mandate for coverage of low-dose
mammography.

The Hawaii Radiological Society, Hawaii Medical Association,
Maui Medical Group, Oahu Committee on Legislative Priorities of
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and a few individuals testified in
support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer
Affairs, American College of Radiology, and Hawaii Association of
Health Plans provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State Auditor to perform an analysis to
determine if the mandated benefits rise to the level of
triggering the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
Act's requirement to defray the cost of any new mandate
in excess of the essential health benefits, and an

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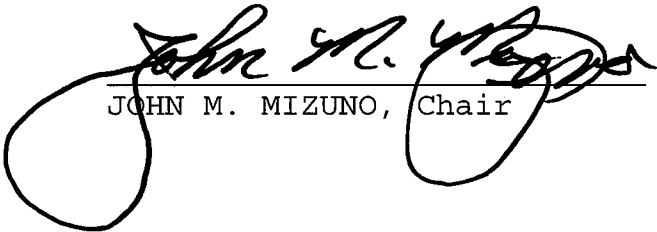


impact assessment report if required under section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes;

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 481, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 481, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



