

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

JUN 29 2020

RE: S.R. No. 14
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.R.
No. 14 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAID TO COVER THE ROUTINE
COSTS OF CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS
WHO ARE ENROLLED IN CLINICAL TRIALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge Congress to
amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid to
cover the routine costs of care for patients with life-threatening
conditions who are enrolled in clinical trials.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that unlike Medicare, Medicaid is not
federally required to cover routine care costs, such as physician
visits and laboratory studies, for clinical trials. Members of
Congress recently reintroduced bipartisan legislation, the
Clinical Treatment Act (H.R. 913), which would guarantee coverage
of the routine care costs of clinical trial participation for
Medicaid enrollees with a life-threatening condition. Your
Committee further finds that clinical trials often underrepresent
certain groups and guaranteeing Medicaid coverage for patients who
choose to participate in clinical trials will encourage



participation by those underrepresented groups. This measure urges Congress to pass the Clinical Treatment Act to amend federal law to require Medicaid to cover the routine costs of care for patients with life threatening conditions who are enrolled in clinical trials.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 14, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 14, S.D. 1.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



