## STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1525

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 25 , 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 35

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 35 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of mandatory health insurance coverage for biomarker testing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Alzheimer's Association-Hawaii; Oncology Nursing Society; Hawai'i Parkinson Association; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Liberty Dialysis Hawai'i; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; a petition signed by over two hundred individuals; and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that biomarker testing is an invaluable tool in the diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, and ongoing monitoring of diseases or conditions. Your Committee further finds that although the Auditor previously assessed the social and financial effects of mandatory health insurance coverage for biomarker testing, as proposed by House Bill No. 2223, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2024 (HB 2223), the proposed



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coverage was only for cases where biomarker testing was deemed medically necessary. Your Committee believes that, given the diverse and beneficial ways biomarker tests may be used in clinical practice, including disease screening tests and predictive tests, biomarker testing should not be limited solely to cases of medical necessity. This measure therefore requests the Auditor to conduct a statutorily required impact assessment report on the social and financial effects of the mandated health insurance coverage for biomarker testing as proposed by House Bill No. 553, Regular Session of 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 35 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health** 

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 35	Committee H4	T, F/W	Date	3/21/25	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Image: Pass, unamended (as is) Image: Pass, with amendments (HD) Image: Hold   Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
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The recommendation is:	Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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