STAND. COM. REP. NO. **201** 

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 14 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 8 S.D. 1

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 S.C.R. No. 8, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE COSTS OF INTRAVENOUS KETAMINE THERAPY TO TREAT DEPRESSION, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of proposed mandated health insurance coverage for a percentage of costs of intravenous ketamine therapy to treat depression.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the use of ketamine has been shown to be a valid option for the treatment of treatment-resistant depression and that intravenous ketamine therapy is a safer form of treatment with a lower risk of addiction when compared to nasal spray treatment. However, this therapy is often not covered by insurance, making it cost prohibitive for many patients who would greatly benefit from intravenous ketamine therapy. Your Committee further finds that Senate Bill No. 967, Regular Session of 2025 (SB967), proposes requiring all health insurers in the State to

cover an unspecified percentage of the cost of intravenous ketamine therapy to treat depression, which would be considered a new mandated health insurance benefit.

Your Committee further finds that, pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the social and financial impact of a proposed mandated health insurance benefit must be assessed by the Auditor before it can be enacted into law. This measure therefore requests the Auditor to conduct a statutorily required impact assessment report on the social and financial effects of the new mandated health insurance benefit proposed by SB967.

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 S.C.R. No. 8, S.D. 1, 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**

Sill/Resolution No.:  SCR S SD   Committee Referral:  HLT, FIN Date: 4-11-25				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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TOTAL (9)	7		_	2
The recommendation is: Adopted	☐ Not Adopted	<u></u>		
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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