

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1214

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 791
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 791,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that health insurance policies and contracts issued in this State provide coverage for autism diagnosis and treatment for individuals under 11 years of age.

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, KJN Corporation, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and numerous individuals supported this measure. Autism Speaks, Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis, and several individuals testified in support of this measure with amendments. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Special Education Advisory Council, Community Children's Council of Hawaii, Easter Seals Hawaii, and three individuals testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Health, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, American Council of Life Insurers, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Autism Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Psychological Association, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and several individuals provided comments.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Increasing the maximum age of eligibility for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders to 18 years of age;
- (2) Changing the term "behavioral health treatment" to "habilitative services";
- (3) Amending the term "autism service provider" to mean any person, entity, or group that provides treatment for autism and meets the minimum licensure requirements;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

At the public hearing held by your Committee on this measure, discussion centered on whether the State will bear the cost of the autism diagnosis and treatment coverage under this measure or whether it is included under the ten essential health benefits requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Your Committee respectfully requests further consideration of that issue as this measure continues through the legislative process.

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 S.B. No. 791, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 791, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



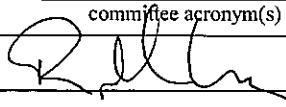
DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 791 SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/18/15</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. JORDAN, Jo		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL (9)	7	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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