

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 2011

RE: S.C.R. No. 23
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH
INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY THAT IS
PRESCRIBED BY A BOARD-CERTIFIED SURGEON FOR CHRONIC PAIN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the
Auditor conduct an assessment of the social and financial impacts
of mandating health insurance coverage for physical therapy that
is prescribed by a board-certified surgeon to treat chronic pain.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from James
Hewson, member, Hawaii Chapter, American Physical Therapy
Association.

This measure requests the Auditor to assess the social and
financial effects of requiring health coverage for physical
therapy for chronic pain when prescribed by a board-certified
surgeon as proposed under S.B. No. 679 (2011), pursuant to the
procedural requirements under sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii
Revised Statutes, for legislation proposing mandatory health
insurance coverage.

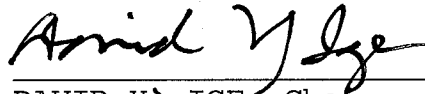
Your Committee finds that patients in this State who suffer
chronic pain, have recurring injuries, or have more than one
injury that requires physical therapy within a calendar year are



currently limited to eight sessions of physical therapy covered by health care insurance per year. Your Committee further finds that requiring health insurers to provide coverage for physical therapy that is prescribed by a board-certified surgeon for chronic pain will substantially reduce illness and assist in the maintenance of good health for the people of this State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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SCR 23, SD1	CPN, WAM	4-13-11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
ESPERO, Will				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	9	0	1	4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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