

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 2011

RE: S.C.R. No. 3
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. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH
INSURERS TO OFFER COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to assess the social and financial impacts of mandating
health insurance coverage for hearing aids under hospital and
medical service plan contracts, medical service corporation
contracts, and health maintenance organization plans.

Your Committee received no comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that hearing aids are costly and most
health insurers do not provide coverage for them. Accordingly,
mandated insurance coverage would make hearing aids more
affordable to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

This measure requests the Auditor to assess the social and
financial effects of mandatory health insurance coverage for
hearing aids as proposed under S.B. No. 894, S.D. 1 (2011),
pursuant to the procedural requirements under sections 23-51 and
23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for legislation proposing
mandatory health insurance coverage.



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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. 3, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

David Y. Ige

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 3, SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HMS/CPN, WAM</i>	Date: <i>4-13-11</i>		
<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: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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