

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 57

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 57 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SURVIVORS OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of requiring health insurers to provide coverage for survivors of traumatic brain injuries.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Kaiser Permanente and Hilo Pa'a Family to Family Health Information Center. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that traumatic brain injury is severe damage to the brain caused by an external force that may produce a diminished or altered state of consciousness and may result in an impairment of cognitive abilities or physical functioning. Traumatic brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults; however, survivors of brain injuries can lead full lives, thanks to lifesaving medical techniques and rehabilitation services. Because survivors face a long rehabilitation process that may not be covered by certain health benefit plans, your Committees find it necessary to ensure

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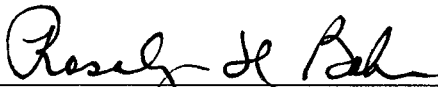


that insurers, hospital and medical service plans, and health maintenance organizations cover all forms of necessary and effective treatment for survivors of traumatic brain injuries in this State.


Your Committees have amended this measure by identifying Senate Bill No. 1227 as the appropriate bill to be assessed by the Auditor.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 57, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 57, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and  
Commerce and Consumer  
Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



JOSH GREEN, Chair





The Senate  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 57	HTA/CPN, WAM	3/25/13		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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