

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1108

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 H.B. No. 1108 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to mandate insurance coverage for treatments of autism spectrum disorders for persons 18 years of age and under.

Autism Speaks; Community Children's Council of Hawaii; National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter; and numerous individuals supported this measure. The Hawaii Psychological Association and two individuals supported this measure with suggested amendments. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Easter Seals Hawaii, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Special Education Advisory Council, and a few individuals supported the intent of this measure. Hawaii Medical Service Association opposed this measure. The Department of Health, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Autism Society, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and several individuals commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the age of eligibility for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders to 21 years of age or under;



- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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 H.B. No. 1108, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1108, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HSCR 228

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB1108	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, CPC, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/11/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>HLT Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ 				
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