

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 116

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 174
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. 174
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote accessibility to
quality health care procedures in the State by requiring health
insurance coverage of medically necessary orthodontic treatment of
orofacial anomalies.

The Office of the Auditor, State Council on Developmental
Disabilities, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children,
Hawaii Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, and numerous
individuals supported this measure. The Department of Health,
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Medical
Service Association, and an individual commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

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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. 174, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 174, 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,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



