

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3589

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1897
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OF HEALTH SCREENINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require insurers in the State to provide insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease annual screenings.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Hawaii Public Health Association, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that early detection of sexually transmitted diseases contributes significantly to the proper treatment and prevention of further transmission of these diseases. Many individuals lack access to screening for sexually transmitted diseases despite federal law requiring health insurance to cover these screenings without any patient cost sharing. Your Committee notes that recent estimates suggest that almost one in eight persons with human immunodeficiency virus are unaware of their status. Providing Hawaii's citizens with

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additional access to annual screenings for sexually transmitted diseases will result in health status awareness, earlier disease detection and treatment, and a decrease in transmission rates.

Should a Conference Committee choose to consider this measure, your Committee requests that the Standing Committees with subject matter jurisdiction over this measure continue to work with the various stakeholders on refining the specifics of the measure for preparation of a final Conference Draft.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

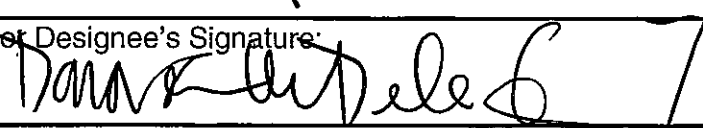


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1897, HD1, SD1	CPH, WAM	4/4/16		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	9			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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