

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

514

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 469  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 469, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEARING AIDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require health insurance coverage in the State for hearing aids for all types of hearing loss.

The O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs, Maui Economic Opportunity Inc., Hawaii Hears, and many individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of the Attorney General, Disability and Communication Access Board, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and Hawaii Medical Service Association provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 469, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

HB469 HD1 HSCR CPC HMS 2019-2257



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,

*TS Takumi*

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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 469 HD1	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/13/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
5. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida	✓			
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
7. HAR, Sharon E.		✓		
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9	1	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Linda Iching</i>				
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