

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: H.B. No. 1624
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require insurers, mutual
benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide
coverage for standard fertility preservation services for
policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed after
December 31, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawaii
Society of Clinical Oncology; Association for Clinical Oncology;
Fertility Institute of Hawaii; Advanced Reproductive Medicine &
Gynecology of Hawaii, Inc.; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and six
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Kaiser
Permanente Hawaii; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and Hawaii
Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that some cancer treatments can cause
iatrogenic infertility when chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery
damage reproductive cells, reproductive organs, or endocrine
functioning. These treatments can also adversely impact the

ability to carry a pregnancy. Although patients facing iatrogenic infertility have recognized, effective options for preserving fertility, the high cost of these procedures and the narrow window to obtain services means these procedures are unattainable for many people. This measure assists in the offsetting of those costs by mandating coverage for standard fertility preservation services.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised during the public hearing on this measure related to cryopreservation storage services, as patients requesting cryopreservation services are required to execute a separate agreement with the selected cryopreservation bank for storage services.

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. 1624, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



