

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

351D

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2008

RE: S.C.R. No. 196

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 196, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO  
ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH  
INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT  
OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to  
assess the social and financial impacts of requiring coverage for  
the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders in the  
policies, plans, and contracts of health insurance and related  
products as mandated by S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 1 (2008).

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Disability and  
Communications Access Board, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center,  
Autism Speaks, and the Autism Society of Hawaii.

Private health insurers are denying coverage of therapies  
that may be necessary or effective for the treatment of autism.  
The failure to provide coverage is thought to produce lower short-  
term insurance costs at the expense of higher long-term health  
care costs.

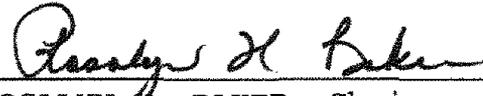
A review by the Auditor of this measure is required by law as  
a condition of enactment, and will be helpful to the Legislature  
in resolving this matter.

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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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 196, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

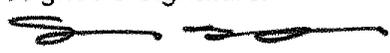


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Ways and Means**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR196, SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH/CPH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>4/4/08</i>		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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