

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1141

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 106
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 106 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF REQUIRING HEALTH
INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND
OBESITY PREVENTION FOR CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
assess the social and financial effects of requiring health
insurers to provide coverage for weight management and obesity
prevention for children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Kaiser Permanente, the American Cancer Society, the American
Physical Therapy Association Hawaii Chapter, and the American
Academy of Pediatrics.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed
on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that childhood obesity is one of
Hawaii's most pressing health problems today. Mandating health
insurance coverage for weight management and obesity prevention
programs may substantially assist in reducing the number of
children and adolescents whose health is compromised by obesity.



Your Committee further finds that section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires an Auditor's assessment as requested in this measure, before any legislative measure may be considered that mandates health insurance coverage for specific health services or specific diseases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by including language recommended by its proponents that clarifies the importance of providing health insurance coverage for preventive services for overweight children.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 106, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 106, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">SCR 106</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">HTH, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">4-1-09</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">JLM</div>				
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