

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2779

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2779
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL PROCEDURES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that, prior to giving informed consent, patients must be informed of the amount of radiation they will be exposed to in the course of x-ray or computed tomography scans and any health risks attendant with such exposure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association, the Hawaii Association of Health Plans, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the dangers of repeated exposure to low level radiation from duplicative and overly-precautionary x-rays and computed tomography scans are serious enough that a patient must be informed of the amount of radiation exposure per treatment and its attendant health risks for informed consent to be valid. Your Committee hopes that this measure will also provoke patients to ask more questions of their x-ray technicians, radiologists, and physicians, thus affording the patient one more safeguard against rare but unfortunately not unheard of fatal or debilitating radiation overdoses.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2779 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2779</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HTH</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/22/10</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-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <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	4	0	0	2
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:				
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