

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 187

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 10, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 821
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 821
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help increase affordability
for families caring for members with autism spectrum disorders by
requiring providers of accident and health or sickness insurance
and mutual benefit societies to provide health care coverage and
benefits for autism spectrum disorders beginning no later than
December 31, 2011.

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center and many concerned
individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Association of Health
Plans and Hawaii Medical Service Association opposed this measure.
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments.

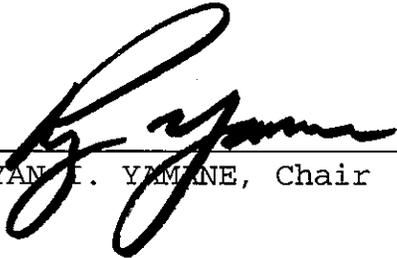
Your Committee has amended this bill by limiting the
mandatory insurance coverage to that which is in excess of
services provided by the Department of Health and Department of
Education.

HB821 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2011-1909



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 H.B. No. 821, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 821, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



