

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2011

RE: S.B. No. 279
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 279
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION
BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the workers' compensation law to authorize the physician or surgeon treating an injured employee to conduct diagnostic testing or engage in a one-time consultation for a subspecialty diagnostic evaluation and treatment recommendations from a board certified or licensed specialist, all of which shall not be subject to contest by an insurer or employer. The intent of this measure is to help streamline a patient's quality of care.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Puna Community Medical Center. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that, based on testimony received, additional discussion is necessary to facilitate the intent of this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the merits of this measure.

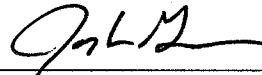
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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 279, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 279, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair

The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 279</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HTH, JDL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/9/11</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" 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
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
TOTAL	6	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="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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