

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 306

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer  
Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 306 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require health  
insurance coverage of orthodontic treatment for orofacial  
anomalies.

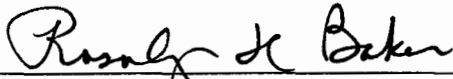
Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of the Auditor, State Council on Developmental  
Disabilities, Hawaii Dental Association, Kapi'olani Medical Center  
Cleft and Craniofacial Center, Hawaii Chapter of the American  
Academy of Pediatrics, Family Voices of Hawai'i, and seventeen  
individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure  
from the Department of Health, Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Affairs, and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committees find that it is estimated that one in five  
hundred children in the State is born with orofacial anomalies  
such as cleft lip or cleft palate. Orthodontic services for the  
treatment of orofacial anomalies are not included as a benefit of  
commercial health plans. Without orthodontic treatment,  
appropriate care and reconstructive surgical outcomes are  
compromised and result in functional deficiencies in chewing,  
swallowing, respiration, speech, unstable or malpositioned oral  
structures, premature tooth loss, and other health problems.

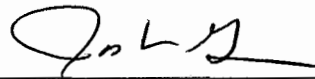


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 306 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and  
Commerce and Consumer  
Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



JOSH GREEN, Chair



## Record of Votes Committee on Health HTH

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

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