

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 924

S.D. 1

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. 924 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE FOR BRAIN
INJURIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require certain insurance contracts and plans to provide coverage beginning January 1, 2016, for treatment of brain injuries, including cognitive and neurocognitive therapy, neurobehavioral and neuropsychological testing or treatment, and necessary post-acute transition services or community reintegration activities for a period of at least twenty years from the date the injury occurred and up to a lifetime cap per person of \$300,000.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Family Voices of Hawai'i and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committees find that traumatic brain injury is a leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults. While survivors of traumatic brain injury can lead full lives due to lifesaving medical techniques and rehabilitation services, they



face a long rehabilitation process that may not be covered by certain health benefit plans.

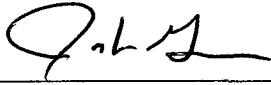
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a definition for "cognitive rehabilitation therapy"; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 924, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 924, S.D. 1, 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

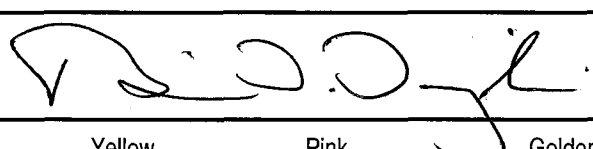


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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 924</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HTH / CPN, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/13/15</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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
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: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">  </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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