

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2016

RE: S.R. No. 23  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.R. No. 23 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENDORSE  
THE "SCREEN AT 23" CAMPAIGN THAT SCREENS ADULT ASIAN  
AMERICANS FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES AT A BODY MASS INDEX OF 23,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Health to endorse the "Screen at 23" campaign that  
screens adult Asian Americans for type 2 diabetes at a body mass  
index of 23.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health and thirteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that diabetes is the fifth leading cause  
of death among Asian Americans. Asian Americans face a health  
care disparity in type 2 diabetes detection and diagnosis, as the  
current guidelines for screening Asian Americans at a body mass  
index of 25 not only miss thirty-two percent of diabetes diagnoses  
in Hawaii, but also underestimate the prevalence of pre-diabetes  
among Asian Americans.

Your Committee further finds that early detection and  
treatment can mitigate diabetes-related complications, risks, and  
costs, as interventions focusing on nutrition, physical activity,  
and healthy weight loss have been shown to reverse pre-diabetes,  
improve glucose function in people with diabetes, and reduce the



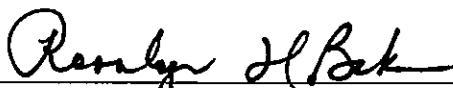
need for multiple medications. Screening Asian American patients at a body mass index of 23 instead of 25 would unmask thousands of new diabetes cases and more than three times that amount of new pre-diabetes cases in the State. This measure allows Hawaii the opportunity to be one of the first states to formally recognize and recommend screening adult Asian Americans for type 2 diabetes at a body mass index of 23, enabling thousands of individuals to get the early care and treatment needed to live healthier lives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting findings related to the United States Preventative Services Task Force's recommendation about earlier screening for persons in certain ethnic groups due to increased risk for diabetes at a younger age or lower body mass index; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 23, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 23, S.D. 1.

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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 23</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">CPH</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3-14-16</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)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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