

# SCR141

Measure Title: REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE TESTING.

Report Title: Sunrise Analysis; Insurance Coverage for Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

Introducer(s): TOKUDA, BAKER, CHUN OAKLAND, DELA CRUZ, ENGLISH, INOUE, KEITH-AGARAN, NISHIHARA, Gabbard, Galuteria, Harimoto, Kidani, Kim, Shimabukuro



To: Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 229  
Re: Testimony of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii in support of S.C.R 141,

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii (“PPVNH”) writes in support of S.C.R. 141, requesting a sunrise review of insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease (“STD”) testing.

PPVNH is dedicated to advocating for policies that promote sexual and reproductive health care and so we support S.C.R. 141 because it will shed light on the guidelines that insurance companies use to determine whether to cover STD testing. Currently, it is very difficult for patients to find out whether or not STD testing will be covered during a doctor’s visit and subsequently may decide not to be tested because they are afraid that they won’t be able to afford it. SCR 141 will provide patients with the information that they need to proactively take care of their health.

Further, as the economic and other costs associated with STD testing are minimal compared to the cost of treating STIs, SCR 141 will ensure that those who with STIs have access to the treatment and care that they need and will result in a decrease in the rates of infection and costs associated with STIs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.C.R. 141.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Field  
Hawaii Legislative Director and Public Affairs Manager

Testimony of John Kirimitsu  
Legal and Government Relations Consultant

Before:  
Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

March 23, 2016  
9:30 am  
Conference Room 229

**SCR 141 - REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE TESTING**

Chair, Vice-Chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 141 requesting a sunrise review of mandated coverage for sexually transmitted disease testing.

**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this resolution.**

We think the information from this study will be very useful to determine the extent of the sexually transmitted disease testing by health care providers and the insurance coverage for such testing under the federal Affordable Care Act. With this report the legislature can consider how they can best participate in assuring appropriate care is available for patients needing it.

Accordingly, Kaiser supports requesting the legislative auditor to conduct an impact assessment report pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.