

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

391

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 481  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 481, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that coverage for digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis is included in the existing health insurance mandate for coverage of low-dose mammography; and
- (2) Require the State Auditor to determine:
  - (A) If the mandated benefits trigger the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's requirement to defray the cost of any new mandate (PPACA Report); and
  - (B) If an impact assessment report is required under section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Radiological Society,  
Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, O'ahu County  
Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of

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Hawai'i, Maui Medical Group, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Association of Health Plans provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the reports required of the State Auditor by:
  - (A) Deleting the PPACA Report; and
  - (B) Requiring the State Auditor to perform the impact assessment under section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, instead of determining whether it is necessary to do it; and
- (2) Changing the effective date for the mandated coverage to January 1, 2021, to provide adequate time for the Auditor to submit the required report and for the Legislature to consider the report's findings.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 481, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 481, H.D. 2.

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



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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



