

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2643

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2340
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2340 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an outreach program in the Department of Health to inform physicians and appropriate non-physician practitioners participating in Medicare that comprehensive care planning services for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias is a covered benefit under Medicare.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Psychological Association; Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter; and twelve individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Executive Office on Aging.

Your Committee finds that Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in America. In 2019, the direct costs to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias totaled an estimated \$290,000,000,000. Despite the high costs, less than one percent of those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease receive comprehensive care planning services, despite such services being eligible under Medicaid and Medicare. Those diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias who engage in



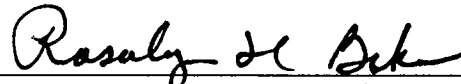
comprehensive care planning can reduce their financial burden and significantly improve their overall quality of life. Therefore, consultation with medical professionals will enable more people to adequately plan for comprehensive care after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Your Committee notes the comments by the Executive Office on Aging that this measure may encourage more persons to engage in comprehensive care planning services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2340, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2340, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2340	CPH, NAM	1/29/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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