

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1754
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 1754 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADULT DENTAL MEDICAID BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to restore diagnostic, preventive, and restorative dental benefits to adult Medicaid enrollees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Papa Ola Lōkahi, Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i, Hawaii Medical Service Association, AlohaCare, Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, The Queen's Health Systems, UnitedHealthcare, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Easterseals Hawaii, Full Life, Hawaii Dental Service, Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, Hawaii Association of Health Plans, Early Childhood Action Strategy, AARP Hawai'i, Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i, Hawaii Dental Association, Hawai'i Public Health Association, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition, 'Ohana Health Plan, Save Medicaid Hawaii, Oral Health Progress and



Equity Network, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that, in 2009, the State terminated all preventive and restorative dental care services for adult Medicaid recipients and reduced coverage to emergency-only care that is limited to pain relief, injuries, trauma, and tooth removal and extraction. Your Committee further finds that since 2010, the State has received failing grades in three oral health report cards published by the Pew Center on the States. This measure will improve the overall health of the State's Medicaid recipients by restoring diagnostic, preventive, and restorative dental benefits to adult Medicaid enrollees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the preamble other than the narrow purpose statement of this measure; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1754, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1754, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

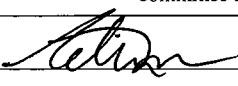
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health, Human
Services, & Homelessness,



RYAN YAMANE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1754	Committee Referral: HHH, FIN	Date: 02/10/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (7)	6			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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