

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 17

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 17 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY PHARMACISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage for services provided by pharmacists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Board of Pharmacy, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Keto Prescription Clinic, Walgreen Co., Hawaii Pharmacists Association, and twelve individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that "[b]efore any legislative measure that mandates health insurance coverage for specific health services, specific diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part of individual or group health insurance policies, can be



considered, there shall be concurrent resolutions passed requesting the auditor to prepare and submit to the legislature a report that assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage." Senate Bill No. 693, introduced in the Regular Session of 2023, mandates reimbursement for services provided by participating registered pharmacists practicing within their scope of practice by private and public health plans in the state beginning January 1, 2024. Accordingly, this measure requests the Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of the proposed mandatory health insurance coverage as set forth in Senate Bill No. 693, in accordance with the requirements of State law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting references to Senate Bill No. 693, Regular Session of 2023, where necessary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 17, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 17, S.D. 1.

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



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



