

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3624

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 183

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 183 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS ON MANDATING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on mandating dental and vision insurance coverage.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committees find that preventive dental and vision care has a direct impact on a person's health and wellness. In addition to cavities and gum disease, dental health is also linked to cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes. Further, a vision exam can identify more than just the need for corrective lenses, but can uncover eye diseases, such as macular degeneration, cataracts, and glaucoma. Notwithstanding, your Committees find that over 223,000 Hawaii residents do not have



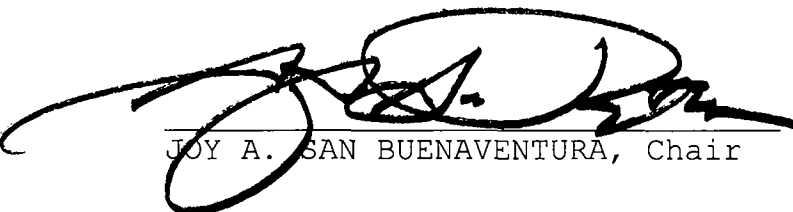
dental insurance coverage and the same number of residents or more, also do not have vision insurance coverage. Therefore, this measure requests the Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of mandating dental and vision coverage to further efforts to support the health of residents in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Identifying S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 2 (2024), as the specific legislative measure that would mandate the dental and vision insurance treatment coverage described in this measure, which is requested to be analyzed pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Amending its title to clarify its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 183, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 183, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection and Health  
and Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

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SR183	CPN/HHS	3/22/24		
<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 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
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Carol Fukunaga</i>				
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