

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2712
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase funding for the Department of Human Services' Med-QUEST Division reimbursement for applied behavioral analysis services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Behavioral and Therapeutic Services of Hawaii; Maui Learning Academy; Mau Loa Learning; Autism Behavior Consulting Group, Inc; The Council of Autism Service Providers; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; BAYADA Behavioral Health; Malama Pono Autism Center; Platter Behavioral Consulting; Easterseals Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



