

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 553  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness,  
to which was referred H.B. No. 553 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require health insurers,  
mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to  
provide coverage for biomarker testing beginning January 1, 2026.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Alliance for Patient Access; National Comprehensive  
Cancer Network; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network;  
Biotechnology Innovation Organization; American Kidney Fund;  
International Cancer Advocacy Network; Liberty Dialysis-Hawaii;  
Alzheimer's Association Hawaii Chapter; Oncology Nursing Society;  
Advanced Medical Technology Association; American Lung  
Association; and nine individuals. Your Committees received  
comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs; Department of Human Services; Kaiser Permanente  
Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Hawaii Association  
of Health Plans.

Your Committees find that biomarker testing is an invaluable  
tool in the diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, and  
ongoing monitoring of diseases or conditions. This testing allows

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for a more precise and personalized approach to medical care by identifying specific genetic, molecular, or biochemical markers associated with an individual's disease. This measure would advance the standard of care for individuals facing various diseases and conditions, particularly in the field of oncology where biomarker testing plays a pivotal role in personalized medicine.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 553, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 553, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



LISA MARTEN, Chair



GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair





