

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1526

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 , 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 36

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 36
entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS
THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH
INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
assess the social and financial effects of proposed mandatory
health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screenings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; American
Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Mālama I Ke Ola Health
Center; Fight Colorectal Cancer; and seven individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Health and Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that although colorectal cancer is the
third leading cause of cancer in Hawaii and the third leading
cause of cancer deaths nationwide, not all residents of Hawaii
have access to health insurance that provides no-cost colorectal
cancer screening. Your Committee further finds that House Bill
No. 556, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2025 (HB556), proposes
expanding existing health insurance mandates to cover colorectal

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cancer screenings, which would be considered a new mandated health insurance benefit.

Your Committee further finds that, pursuant to sections 23-51 and 23-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the social and financial impact of a proposed mandated health insurance benefit must be assessed by the Auditor before it can be enacted into law. This measure therefore requests the Auditor to conduct a statutorily required impact assessment report on the social and financial effects of the new mandated health insurance benefit proposed by HB556.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 36 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



GREGG T. ARAYAMA, Chair



