Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 838 S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 838, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to, beginning, January 1, 2026, require all health insurers in the State, excluding Medicaid managed care programs, to cover the cost of continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) and related supplies under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Medical Association, Liberty Dialysis Hawai'i, Hilo Benioff Medical Center Foundation, and two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Human Services, and Hawaii Association of Health Plans.

Your Committee finds that CGMs are clinically valuable and potentially lifesaving medical devices that monitor blood glucose levels with real time readings that can be conveniently observed on a patient's cell phone, eliminating the patient's need to undergo multiple finger stick tests. Because the CGM sensors



attach to the body and typically require a replacement every two weeks, individuals who utilize CGMs can spend upwards of \$3,000 per year. Diabetes detection and treatment, ongoing self-management, and improved delivery of care are critical to preventing and reducing the burden of diabetes in the State. This measure will improve access to diabetes care and support patients by ensuring that patients with diabetes have access to lifesaving devices under their insurance policies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 838, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 838, S.D. 2.

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

JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 838 SD \	Committee Referral: HHS, CPN		Da	Date: 20/25	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)					
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)		V ,			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.		✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"		,			√
AWA, Brenton		/			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Multiple States of the Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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