

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1699
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1699
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH COVERAGE FOR BRAIN
INJURIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide survivors of traumatic
brain injury the opportunity to lead full lives, by requiring
insurers, hospital and medical service plans, and health
maintenance organizations to provide rehabilitation coverage for
survivors of brain injuries, including cognitive and
neurocognitive therapy, neurobehavioral and neuropsychological
testing or treatment, and necessary post-acute transition services
or community reintegration services.

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center and numerous concerned
individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of
Health, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Association
of Health Plans provided comments.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this
bill by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer
Affairs to report to the 2008 Legislature on the
economic impact of the expanded medical coverage
required by this bill; and

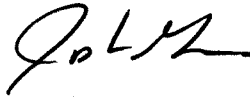
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(2) Inserting a sunset date of July 1, 2012.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1699, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1699, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



