



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **779**

June 29, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 29, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2045 HD2 SD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
PERINATAL CARE.
(ACT 248)

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2045
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Since mid-1980, Hawaii has been gripped by an
2 epidemic of methamphetamine use. Females in Hawaii, in
3 particular, have been adversely affected. In the year 2000,
4 child welfare services (CWS) received reports of two hundred
5 eight drug-exposed infants on the island of Oahu, seventy-nine
6 per cent of whom (one hundred sixty-four infants) were
7 reportedly exposed to methamphetamine. In 2002, the criminal
8 justice system reported that one-half of adult female arrestees
9 in Honolulu tested positive for methamphetamine. In 2004, CWS
10 reported that methamphetamine use was involved in over eighty
11 per cent of its active cases.

12 While methamphetamine use receives a great deal of
13 attention, little is known about its adverse effects during
14 pregnancy. More is known about the harmful nature of legal
15 drugs such as tobacco and alcohol, which are much more widely
16 used before and during pregnancy. Approximately sixty-five per
17 cent of reproductive-aged women use alcohol and unfortunately,
18 despite strong warnings about harmful effects, many women do not



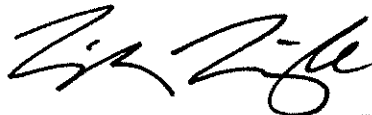
1 (b) The pilot perinatal clinic shall cease operations on
2 June 30, 2009.

3 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$400,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to
6 establish a pilot perinatal clinic and provide case management
7 services.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the John A. Burns
9 school of medicine university clinical educational and research
10 associates program at the University of Hawaii department of
11 obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health for the purposes of
12 this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

APPROVED this 29 day of JUN 4, 2006



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

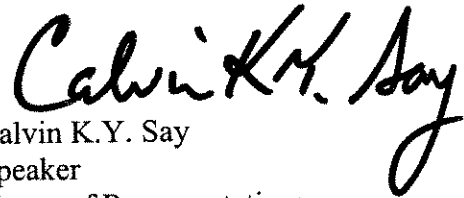


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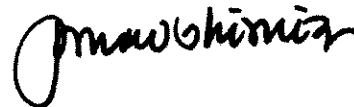
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker
House of Representatives



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert Bunda
President of the Senate



Paul Kawaguchi
Clerk of the Senate