

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2045
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2045
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a pilot perinatal
clinic to provide comprehensive prenatal, delivery, and postpartum
care to women who have a history of methamphetamine and other
substance use, including alcohol and tobacco.

The Department of Human Services, Kapiolani Medical Center
for Women and Children, Hawaii Medical Association, Salvation
Army, Coalition for a Smoke Free Hawaii, Hawaii Substance Abuse
Coalition, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, American College of
Obstetrics and Gynecologists District VIII, Hawaii Section,
Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Drug Policy Action Group, Blueprint
for Change, Mililani Town Anti-Drug Committee, and several
concerned individuals supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the health of an unborn baby is
placed in serious jeopardy when the mother battles an addiction to
drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, and many times the mother will avoid
finding appropriate prenatal care out of fear of prosecution or
loss of her child due to her addiction. The children of women who
suffer from these addictions need to be protected by offering the
mother a safe and trusted place to find appropriate medical
assistance.

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Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2045, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2045, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



