

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 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 Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2045, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the welfare of infants and their mothers by establishing a pilot perinatal clinic at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, to provide social service case management; counseling; and perinatal, pediatric, and psychiatric care for women on Oahu with a history of substance abuse.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Hawaii Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Medical Association, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii, Blueprint for Change, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Hawaii Women's Coalition, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Services supported the intent of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2045, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



