

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2132
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help pregnant women who suffer from the horrible addictive effects of drugs by establishing a pilot clinic to address Hawaii's current lack of facilities equipped 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 pilot clinic will provide this care at one location, and the care will include non-judgmental substance use counseling, parenting classes, social service resources, and legal services.

The Department of Human Services, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, MothersCare for Tomorrow's Children, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Coalition of Hawaii, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Blueprint for Change, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, District VIII, Hawaii Section, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Drug Policy Action Group, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Community Alliance on Prisons, and several concerned individuals supported this bill.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing health plans and insurers as supplemental funding sources for the pilot perinatal clinic;
- (2) Deleting the specification that for Medicaid reimbursement, only:
 - (A) A licensed physician may provide prenatal and postpartum care; and
 - (B) A licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse provide delivery care and service;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation of \$400,000 for the pilot perinatal clinic and case management services; and
- (4) 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 S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 2, 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



