

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2166
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. 2166, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow certain minors to consent to the provision of medical care and services if it is determined that the minor has sufficient mental capacity to understand the nature and consequence of the proposed medical care and services and if the medical care and services are for the minor's benefit.

The Waikiki Health Center, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, Coalition of Hawaii, Hale Kipa, Blueprint For Change, Hawaii Medical Association, and a concerned individual supported this bill. The Queen's Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente supported this measure with amendments. Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, and a concerned individual opposed this bill. The Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:



- (1) Clarifying that medical care and services, as provided by this bill, may be administered by any registered or licensed health care practitioner;
- (2) Defining:
 - (A) Licensed or registered health care practitioner;
 - (B) Preventive medical care and services; and
 - (C) Primary care and medical services;
- (3) Defining "medical care and services" as the diagnosis, examination, and administration of medication in the treatment of venereal diseases, pregnancy, and family planning services;
- (4) Providing for a minor who is living without parental, custodial, or guardian supervision to consent to primary or preventive medical care and services; and
- (5) 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. 2166, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2166, S.D. 2, 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,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



