

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 3139
H.D. 3

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B.
No. 3139, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a system for children ages 4-6 years to be screened for vision, hearing, and development prior to entry into pre-school or kindergarten and to develop a Hawaii childhood screening initiative task force to plan and implement screening for children from birth to eight years of age.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Blueprint for Change, Good Beginnings Alliance, and Family Voices of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that early childhood screening before entry into pre-school or kindergarten is necessary for early detection and intervention of developmental and psychosocial delays in children. Early intervention plays a critical role in improving a child's eventual success in school and in relationships.

Your Committee further finds that establishing a childhood screening initiative task force is essential to the development of state policies, referral protocols, and evaluating the screening system.



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. 3139, H.D. 3, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

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| Measure:* HB 3139 HD3 | Committee Referral: HTH, WAM | Date: 3/13/06 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | | | |
| The Recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313) | | | | |
| Members | Ayes | Ayes(WR) | Nays | Excused |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| HANABUSA, Colleen | | | | ✓ |
| TSUTSUI, Shan S. | ✓ | | | |
| WHALEN, Paul | | | | ✓ |
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| Chair's or Designee's Signature:  | | | | |
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