

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 406

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1459

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1459  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that infants and  
toddlers from birth to age three years with or at risk for  
developmental delays receive early intervention services.

Specifically, this measure provides an emergency  
appropriation in the amount of \$5,299,809 in general funds to  
cover the costs of early intervention services provided by the  
Department of Health's Early Intervention Section during the 2006-  
2007 fiscal year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, the State Council on Developmental  
Disabilities, County Council- County of Maui, Hawai'i Early  
Intervention Coordinating Council, Center on Disability Studies,  
Hawaii Chapter American Physical Therapy Association, Waianae  
Coast Early Childhood Services, Inc., Imua Family Services, Easter  
Seals Hawaii, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health has the  
responsibility to ensure that all children from birth to age three  
years with a developmental delay or biological or environmental  
risk and their families receive early intervention services as



mandated under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004.

Your Committee further finds that every year, the Early Intervention Section of the Department of Health requests an emergency appropriation for additional funding due to the insufficiency of each respective year's current appropriation. Your Committee further finds that federal law mandates that these services be provided and waiting lists are not permitted. As a result, providers are not being compensated for their services in a timely manner and have to endure undue financial burdens. It is the intent of your Committee to encourage the Department of Health to work towards alleviating this yearly problem.

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. 1459 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,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			1

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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