

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1500

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 215
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R.
No. 215 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
IMPLEMENTED BY HOSPITALS TO REDUCE ELECTIVE CESAREAN SECTIONS
AND INDUCTION OF LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote best practices in
child birth by requesting the Department of Health to review and
assess:

- (1) The criteria used by hospitals and physicians for
indications for elective inductions or cesarean
sections; and
- (2) The policies and procedures implemented by hospitals to
reduce elective cesarean sections and induction of
labor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the March for Dimes and Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies.
Testimony in opposition to this measure was received by the
Department of Health.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed
on the Legislature's website.




Your Committee finds that there has been a sharp increase in the number of induction and elective surgical births in the past ten years that have increased the rate of pre-term births.

Your Committee further finds that the Healthcare Association of Hawaii is a non-profit organization that represents Hawaii's health care providers and would serve as a valuable asset to the review and assessment process conducted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Department of Health to conduct the review and assessment in consultation with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and accordingly requiring a certified copy of this measure to be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 215, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 215, S.D. 1.

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



DAVID Y. ISE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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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)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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