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Committee: On Health

Bill: SB 932

Honorable Chairperson Ige, Vice Chair Green and Members of Health Committee

My name is Jackie Berry, Executive Director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii. HMHB IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 932, Relating to Infectious Disease Testing. This bill will make it easier for healthcare providers to offer HIV testing to pregnant women and other patients. Knowing your HIV status as a pregnant woman is critically important to having a healthy birth outcome.

This bill allows Hawaii to follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to increase testing in health care settings.

We urge your support for the passage of this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration of this issue and our testimony.