

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 187-10

Honolulu, Hawaii  
F048, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2081  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2081  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PREMATURE INFANT HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve health outcomes for  
premature infants by requiring the Department of Health (DOH) to  
prepare and distribute to their parents written educational  
information about the proper care of preterm infants and  
information about available services and community resources.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii,  
MedImmune, and March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter testified in support  
of this bill. DOH opposed this bill.

Your Committee finds that this measure is an important first  
step toward reducing re-hospitalizations and improving healthcare  
quality and outcomes for infants born premature. Your Committee  
has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring DOH to prepare the written educational  
information not later than January 1, 2012, rather than  
July 1, 2011;
- (2) Specifying that the publication be written in multiple  
diverse languages appropriate for parents of premature



infants, rather than for a wide socioeconomic range of parents;

- (3) Requiring the information to be updated every three, instead of every two, years; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020.

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. 2081, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2081	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 1/26/10		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	9			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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