

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2201

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2088  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2088 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a supplemental dedicated source of funding for community-based, family-centered, early intervention services by means of an increase in the liquor tax.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii, Parents and Children Together, and Easter Seals Hawaii. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Budget and Finance, the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, The Legislative Center, the Wine Institute, and Kona Brewing Company. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees find that Hawaii's families require programs that provide early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays that proactively address biological and environmental risk factors that cause developmental delays. Your Committees also find that although the intent of the measure is an important one, an increase in the alcohol tax may not be the most appropriate way to fund early intervention programs. Your

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Committees further find that using funds from the Healthy Hawaii Initiative program administered through the Department of Health would be the most appropriate source of funding.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended the measure by deleting all language referring to an alcohol tax increase and substituting language enabling the use of funds provided for the Healthy Hawaii Initiative program as a supplemental dedicated funding source for early intervention programs.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2088, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2088, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

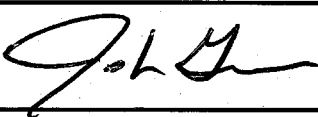
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Health,

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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

*Suzanne Chun Oakland*  
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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2088</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS/HTH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/2/10</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			✓
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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