

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

767

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 844
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 Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 844 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow for more timely investigation of crimes when public health vital statistics records are needed, while protecting the privacy of the records.

This measure authorizes the Department of Health to permit law enforcement officers, upon request, to inspect public health vital statistics records and for the Department of Health to issue a certified copy of any such record or part thereof to law enforcement, when the records are needed as evidence in a criminal investigation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the scope of inspections and records that may be obtained to birth and death certificates;
- (2) Redefining "law enforcement officer" to only include law enforcement officers of the State or county, or subdivisions thereof; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue the discussions in this matter.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 844, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 844, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,

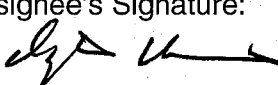
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BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB844	HTH, JGO	3/2/09		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			✓
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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