

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 614

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 614
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to reinstate hospital-based
assessments and improve home visiting services to high-risk
families of newborns by:

- (1) Establishing a hospital-based screening and assessment
and intensive home visitation program within the
Department of Health (DOH) that follows the guidelines
of the improved Healthy Start and Healthy Families
America programs;
- (2) Appropriating \$3,000,000 in each year of the 2011-2013
fiscal biennium from the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement
Special Fund for hospital-based assessment and screening
and intensive home visiting services; and
- (3) Appropriating \$3,000,000 in each year of the 2011-2013
fiscal biennium from the Temporary Assistance for Needy
Families fund for intensive home visiting services.



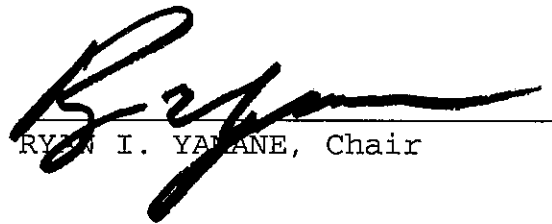
Mau'i Family Support Services, Inc., Child & Family Service, Aloha United Way, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. DOH supported the intent of this measure. The American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc., opposed this bill. The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Family Support Institute, Good Beginnings Alliance, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, and many concerned individuals offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Referencing "multidisciplinary teams" rather than specific programs such as Healthy Start and Healthy Families America; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 614, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 614, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



