

ATTN: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee Members

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DATE: Friday, January 28, 2011
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

**SB 222 - RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE
STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Health Committee:

I am Ann S. Freed, Co-Chair of the Women's Coalition.

PATH is a comprehensive perinatal clinic that treats pregnant addicted women. Continued funding for this highly successful clinic is one of our top legislative priorities for 2011.

The requested \$200,000 is necessary to keep its doors open. This manini amount of investment will result in a large cost-savings to the taxpayer as infants born to untreated addicted women have a host of costly long-term health care problems.

The average cost of first year health care for low birth weight babies (one of the sad results of drug use during pregnancy) is over \$200,000 on average. If only one baby is saved this fate, the program pays for itself.

The Coalition supported the legislation that established the clinic in 2006 as a three-year pilot project in response to the high rate of methamphetamine use by pregnant women.

Since that time the Path Clinic has been incredibly successful in achieving positive outcomes both for the women it treats and for their babies. Its gentle, nonjudgmental approach has had the following results.

- **At least 80% of women became abstinent and over 90% significantly decreased substance use within 8 weeks of engaging in Path services.**
- **94% tested clean of substances at the time of birth.** Over half of the women who tested positive for drug use at birth chose to enter residential substance abuse treatment, often noting that their experience at Path contributed to their readiness to accept treatment.
- **96% maintained custody of their infants 8 weeks after delivery** (57% had lost custody of at least one previous child).
- Women who received prenatal care through this unique clinic were overwhelmingly likely to stop using drugs, deliver healthy infants, maintain custody, choose a long term birth control method, and choose to work/develop work skills six months after delivery.

We are pleased and heartened with these high success rates that are very rare in the field of addiction counseling and treatment.

We urge you to pass this bill out of committee. We can't afford to loose this program.

Regards,

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I and the League of Women Voters strongly support this Clinic and it's staff and the Women who have found success and recovery there, and request that you provide requested funding as soon as possible as they are in a fiscal crisis.

Thank you

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Comments:

SB222 and HB129 if passed will provide funding to The Path Clinic, where I have had the privilege to work with the staff and mothers who have used their services. The changes that is made in these mothers and their families has been only positive due to prenatal services, postnatal services, and social services that they receive at the Path Clinic. All areas of their addiction is addressed while preparing them with skills for motherhood. The confidence and skills they receive toward preventing relapse assists in parenting and of course results in decrease need for continued services from the State.

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