

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **358** -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2227
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2227
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable an individual with a
gender designation that differs from the gender designated on the
birth registrant's original birth certificate, to obtain an
amended birth certificate reflecting the change.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, American
Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Honolulu Pride, Planned
Parenthood of Hawaii, Pride at Work Hawaii, the Women's Coalition,
Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus, and numerous individuals
testified in support of the measure. Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii
Catholic Conference, and an individual commented on the measure.

In discussion, your Committee noted the distinction made
between "gender" and "sex" as they relate to health and judicial
considerations. Your Committee believes that further dialogue is
necessary to address legal, procedural, and other issues
associated with implementing the provisions in the measure.

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Upon consideration, your Committee has amended this measure
by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate continued discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of drafting conventions.

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. 2227, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2227, 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



