

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3478

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2012

RE: H.C.R. No. 150  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 150 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to declare the month of April of each year as Autism Awareness Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Autism Speaks, Family Voices of Hawaii, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that while there is no cure for autism, early identification of developmental concerns allows parents to seek intervention during the crucial early development period. Consequently, widespread information to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism spectrum disorders as well as the critical importance of early developmental screening is necessary. Your Committee thus finds that designating the month of April as "Autism Awareness Month" creates a useful opportunity for public and private organizations to educate the public about the services and treatments available for those with or at risk for an autism spectrum disorder.

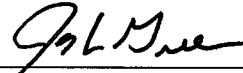
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Correcting the statistic which states that autism affects an estimated one in every one hundred ten children to reflect the more recent finding that one in every eighty-eight children are affected; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 150, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 150, S.D. 1.

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



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JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*  | Committee Referral: | Date:    |          |          |
| HCR 150  | HTH                 | 04-12-12 |          |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>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  |
| GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)  | ✓                   |          |          |          |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)  | ✓                   |          |          |          |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H.  | ✓                   |          |          |          |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne  |                     |          |          | ✓        |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile   | ✓                   |          |          |          |
| WAKAI, Glenn   | ✓                   |          |          |          |
| SLOM, Sam  |                     |          |          | ✓        |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |                     |          |          |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br><div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>  |                     |          |          |          |
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