

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 979

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1506

S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 1506, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the growing epidemic of childhood obesity by establishing a childhood obesity pilot program.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the childhood obesity pilot program within the Department of Health (DOH) for administrative purposes;
- (2) Requires the Director of Health to select 20 health care providers to participate in the program; and
- (3) Appropriates funds for the program's support.

The American Cancer Society, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Papa Ola Lokahi, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. DOH, the American Academy of Pediatrics-Hawaii Chapter, and American Physical Therapy Association-Hawaii Chapter offered comments.

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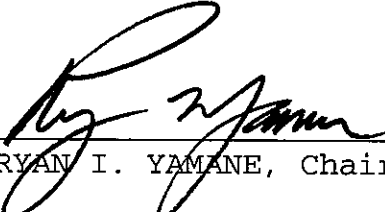


Your Committee found that the pilot program has not yet entered preliminary planning stages, and therefore amended this bill by:

- (1) Directing DOH to work with Hawaii Primary Care Association to develop pilot program parameters and an implementation plan;
- (2) Deleting language appropriating funds for the pilot program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2040, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 S.B. No. 1506, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1506, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



