

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 222
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 222
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds for the continued operation of the PATH Clinic in order to
provide continued prenatal, delivery, and postpartum care and
social services to women who have a history of substance use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, The American Congress of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists, PATH Clinic, Community Alliance
on Prisons, March of Dimes Foundation Hawaii Chapter, The Drug
Policy Action Group, the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i, Women's
Caucus Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies
Coalition of Hawai'i, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, and fourteen
private citizens.

Your Committee finds that, although funding sources are
available for medical services, essential social services that are
provided by the PATH Clinic remain unfunded. Appropriating funds
for this Clinic will allow the Clinic to provide much needed
social services to women with a history of substance abuse. Your
Committee received testimony from the PATH Clinic indicating that
the measure incorrectly lists the Clinic's name as Perinatal
Addiction Treatment of Hawaii and clarified that the proper clinic
name is the PATH Clinic.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Substituting the name "Perinatal Addiction Treatment of Hawaii" with "PATH Clinic" throughout the measure to accurately reflect the Clinic's name;
- (2) Clarifying that the appropriation is a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 222, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 222, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



