

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2778
S.D. 1
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2778, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prevent childhood obesity by:

- (1) Establishing a childhood obesity prevention task force to develop and recommend legislation relating to the prevention of childhood obesity; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to be expended by the Department of Health for a study of childhood obesity data and activities related to the prevention of childhood obesity and the promotion of early childhood health.

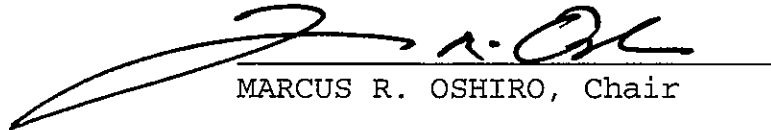
The Office of the Governor, Department of Health, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children, and Child & Family Service testified in support of this measure. The American Heart Association and Good Beginnings Alliance provided comments on this measure.



Your Committee notes that the issue of exempting the task force members from the requirements of Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, merits further consideration as this measure proceeds through the final stages of the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2778, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



