

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 598

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. 598 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE NEONATAL RESUSCITATION TRAINING PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the development of neonatal resuscitation training programs to provide important lifesaving measures for newborn children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, March of Dimes Foundation Hawaii Chapter, The Hawaii Collaborative Health Initiative, and Maui Memorial Medical Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Kona Community Hospital.

Your Committee finds that the State's neonatal resuscitation resources are inadequate and that the training and development of neonatal resuscitation teams at neighbor island hospitals will benefit the lives of many newborn children. This measure will provide funding for adequate training programs to prepare pediatric nursing and respiratory therapist staff for emergency situations requiring neonatal resuscitation.

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. 598



and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



