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File:

**House Committees on Health and Human Services**

**S.B. 2828, RELATING TO HAWAI'I EARLY INTERVENTION  
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**March 13, 2012**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports this administrative bill to  
2 revise the Hawai'i Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC) membership to be in compliance  
3 with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill revises the HEICC membership and duties to be consistent with  
6 Part C of IDEA (P.L. 108-446, Section 641) regarding the State interagency coordination council.

7 The DOH annually receives over \$2.1 million in federal funds which support early intervention  
8 services to infants and toddlers with or at biological risk for developmental delays. Compliance with  
9 current federal requirements for the council requires the specification of additional HEICC members,  
10 members not voting when there is the appearance of conflict of interest, prohibition of a member from  
11 the DOH serving as the HEICC chairperson, and an additional function of advising and assisting the  
12 State educational agency regarding the transition of toddlers with special needs and their families.

13 The broader HEICC membership will help to ensure the provision and coordination of early  
14 intervention services to meet the needs of infants and toddlers and their families.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 12, 2012

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: **SUPPORT** – SB2828 – RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I offer testimony in support of SB2828 which seeks to align our Hawaii State Statute related to the HEICC (Hawai'i Early Intervention Coordinating Council). As an organization, Family Voices is national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

In 2004 Congress reauthorized the Individual with Disabilities Education and Improvement Act which mandated a new composition of the state mandated coordinating councils to better reflect the community it serves.

SB2828 aligns the federal requirements and adheres to the mandate as well as reflects our statewide community. We also support the enhancements to the bill identified in the SSCR2197.

Thank you not only for your time and consideration in passing SB2828, but also for your expeditious scheduling of this bill for hearing.