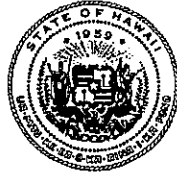


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**S.B. 2828, RELATING TO HAWAI'I EARLY INTERVENTION
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

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

February 1, 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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Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

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