

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

993

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 22 2013**

RE: H.B. No. 909  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 909,  
H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFANT MORTALITY PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a  
statewide, comprehensive infant mortality reduction program within  
the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Early Learning,  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American  
Heart Association, Kapiolani Medical Center, and March of Dimes  
Foundation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that infant mortality in the State is an  
issue of serious concern. Your Committee also finds that pre-term  
deliveries may negatively impact infant mortality rates, but that  
more information is necessary before determining the best approach  
for addressing this issue.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a new part establishing a task force that is to  
be convened by the Department of Health to collect data  
about the number of elective pre-term deliveries in



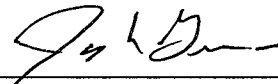
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Hawaii and whether Hawaii needs a point of care newborn screening program;

- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050; provided that parts I through IV shall take effect on January 1, 2015; 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 H.B. No. 909, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 909, H.D. 2, 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,



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312      Pass, with amendments 2311      Hold 2310      Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	-	-	-

Recommendation:      Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Rosalyn H Baker*

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