

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 815

S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 815, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the Judiciary's early intervention services for infants and toddlers by appropriating funds for the Honolulu Zero to Three Court.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Hawaii Family Support Institute, and two concerned individuals.

Your Committee finds that in 2008, the Family Court began the Zero to Three Court program in response to increasing scientific evidence that infants and toddlers are neurologically compromised by dysfunctional family dynamics even if they are not directly physically harmed, and that early intervention is effective in preventing or alleviating these problems. The Zero to Three Court began with federal funding and grants from the national non-profit Zero to Three organization and subsequently has been sustained through private funds. This measure will enable the Zero to Three Court to continue providing essential services to children and their families until more long-term state funding can be secured.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 815, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 815, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

David Y. Ige

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 815, S DI	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2-22-13		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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