

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

374

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13 2013

RE: H.B. No. 908
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 908 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOME VISITING PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote healthy child development and strengthen families by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Home Visiting Program within the Department of Health to provide statewide hospital-based screening and home visiting services; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to establish and administer the program.

The Department of Health, Executive Office on Early Learning, Child & Family Service, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Family Support Institute, Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers, City Mill Company, Ltd., and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the purposes and responsibilities of the Hawaii Home Visiting Program to include:

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- (A) Providing proactive, universal screening of newborns' families, instead of including proactive, universal screening of all births; and
 - (B) Considering as a high priority, families at risk for poor health outcomes, child abuse, or neglect; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 908, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 908, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,



MELE CARROLL, Chair



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