

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

990

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2013

RE: H.B. No. 908

H.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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 908,  
H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the  
Hawaii home visiting program within the Department of Health to  
provide statewide hospital-based screening and home visiting  
services for families of newborns at risk for poor health and  
safety outcomes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Early Learning,  
Hawaii Family Support Institute, Catholic Charities Hawaii, March  
of Dimes Foundation, Child and Family Service, and three  
individuals.

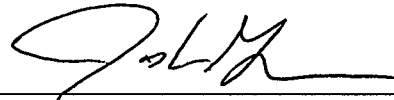
Your Committee finds that home visiting is a prevention  
strategy used by states and communities to improve the health and  
well-being of women, children, and families at risk for adverse  
health and safety concerns, including child abuse and neglect.  
Early investments in home visiting programs have been shown to  
reduce costs associated with foster care placements,  
hospitalizations, emergency room visits, unintended pregnancies,  
and other more costly outcomes and interventions. Your Committee  
finds that the establishment of the Hawaii home visiting program  
will position the Department of Health to participate in the



federal grant program, which will bring much-needed federal funding to the State and improve the health and safety of Hawaii's families. Your Committee also notes the importance of restoring the previously budgeted amount of \$3,000,000 to the program, which will ensure the success of the program and the health and security of the State's eligible families.

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. 908, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



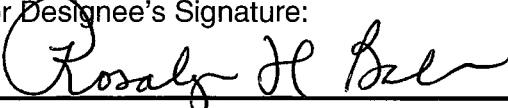
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 908 , HD2	HTH, WAM	03/20/2013		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			<del>  </del> 2313
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	54	—	—	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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