

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 317

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1139
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 S.B. No. 1139
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 a
statewide hospital-based early identification and home visiting
system to enhance health and safety outcomes, prevent child abuse
and neglect, and appropriate funds to the Department of Health to
administer the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Executive Office on Early Learning;
Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters; Catholic
Charities Hawaii; Child and Family Service; National Association
of Social Workers Hawaii; Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers;
and 34 individuals.

Your Committee finds that home visiting is an effective
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. Early investment in home
visiting programs has been shown to reduce costs associated with
foster care placements, hospitalizations, emergency room visits,
unintended pregnancies, and other costly preventable outcomes.
Your Committee finds that the establishment of a home visiting
program in Hawaii will position the Department of Health to

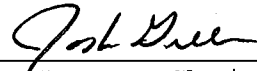


participate in the federal home visiting grant program and thereby improve the health and safety of eligible Hawaii families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 S.B. No. 1139, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1139, 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,



JOSH GREEN, Chair



