

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

789

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1238
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. 1238, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a maternal mortality review panel to review and prevent maternal deaths in the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Association, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the national maternal mortality rate is increasing; yet, Hawaii is one of only fourteen states without a maternal mortality review committee. Your Committee finds that establishing a maternal mortality review panel will help to decrease mortality and morbidity by identifying factors associated with women who die during or shortly after pregnancy and proposing system changes that will result in improved health for women in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

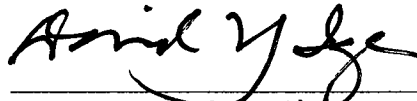
- (1) Clarifying the definition of "pregnancy-related death";
- (2) Clarifying the terms of the initial members of the maternal mortality review panel;



- (3) Appropriating an unspecified amount to be expended by the Department of Health for costs relating to the maternal mortality review panel;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1238, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1238, S.D. 2.

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



DAVID Y. IGLE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1238, SD1	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2-21-13		
<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	13	0	0	0
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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