

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2358

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2358 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "developmental disabilities," in section 333F-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include a child from birth to age nine who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, without meeting three or more criteria described in the current definition, if the child, without service and support, has a high probability of meeting the criteria later in life.

The Department of Health, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Children's Action Network, and a concerned individual supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repositioning the new statutory language of the bill relating to individuals from birth to age nine to clarify that these provisions are not part of paragraph (5) of the definition of "developmental disabilities"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2358, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2358, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,



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DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



