

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3668

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 65
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.C.R. No. 65, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
PERFORM A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED
PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to perform a sunrise analysis of the regulation of
Certified Professional Midwives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists,
Hawaii Section; Midwives Alliance of Hawaii; Kona Birth and
Midwifery Services; and nine individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Certified Professional Midwives are
knowledgeable, skilled, and professional independent midwifery
practitioners who have met the standards for certification set by
the North American Registry of Midwives. Although Certified
Professional Midwives are regulated and authorized to practice in
thirty states, they are not subject to regulation in Hawaii. Your
Committee further finds that it has been seventeen years since the
last sunrise analysis was conducted by the Auditor, and an updated
study of the regulation of this profession is therefore needed.



Your Committee additionally finds that this measure requests the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on the regulation of Certified Professional Midwives, as proposed by House Bill No. 1899, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2016. The Auditor's analysis would set forth the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure, assess whether its enactment is consistent with section 26H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and assess alternative forms of regulation. Your Committee notes that a sunrise analysis is the necessary next step to determine whether regulation in Hawaii of Certified Professional Midwives is warranted.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 65, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



