

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1033
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1033
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 the
Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel within the Department of
Health to conduct a comprehensive review of maternal deaths that
have occurred in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Medical Association, American Congress of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and two individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Health and Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of only fourteen
states in the nation that does not have a maternal mortality
review committee. From 2001 to 2011, there were an average of
nine maternal deaths per year. However, many experts suggest that
these figures reflect under-reporting of maternal deaths.
Establishing a maternal mortality review committee will go a long
way toward improving women's services and saving lives.

Your Committee further finds that there are no fiscal
implications in this measure for the implementation and operation
of the Hawaii Maternal Mortality Review Panel.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Renaming the "maternal mortality review panel" to "maternal morbidity and mortality review panel";
- (2) Inserting conforming amendments that incorporate maternal morbidity into references to "maternal mortality", "maternal mortality events", and "maternal mortality review information"; and
- (3) 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. 1033, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1033, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



