

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 4, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2885
S.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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIRTH DEFECTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Health to communicate with the primary care provider of a child identified with a birth defect, as a result of information collected from birth defect studies, to provide information about programs and resources that may help the child; and
- (2) Clarify that an Institutional Review Board may exempt an activity using birth defects data.

The Department of Health and American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists - Hawaii Section testified in support of this measure.

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. 2885, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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


DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



