

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

807

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 337
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 337, 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 improve detection of critical, life-threatening congenital heart defects in newborns.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires birthing facilities to perform on each newborn a pulse oximetry test for critical congenital heart defects or other medically accepted test that measures the percentage of blood oxygen saturation;
- (2) Allows parents and guardians to opt out of the pulse oximetry or other test on religious grounds; and
- (3) Requires birthing facilities to submit annual data to the Department of Health regarding the performance of pulse oximetry or other tests.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, and March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter.



Your Committee finds that congenital heart defects are structural abnormalities of the heart that are present at birth and are the leading killer of infants with birth defects. Your Committee believes that by requiring birthing facilities to perform pulse oximetry tests for critical congenital heart defects or other medically accepted tests that measure the percentage of blood oxygen saturation, this measure could potentially save many newborn lives.

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. 337, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB337SD1	HMH/CPN, WAM	3/2/15		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	10	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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