

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 67

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2015

RE: S.B. No. 792

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. 792
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds to the Department of Health in support of the state dental
health initiative.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; The Queen's
Health Systems; Capitol Consultants of Hawaii, LLP; Center for
Oral Health; Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; and four
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is in a position to develop
a groundbreaking process to address the unmet dental health care
needs of its most vulnerable citizens. Significant adverse health
and socio-economic conditions exist as a result of untreated oral
diseases among the State's most vulnerable populations, especially
underserved children, pregnant women, seniors, adults with chronic
conditions, people with special care needs, and ethnic minorities,
including native Hawaiians, Pacific islanders, and Filipinos.
Furthermore, poor understanding of the dental health status
prevents the development of effective and cost-efficient
strategies and public policies to address the dental health care
needs of the most vulnerable residents of the State.



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. 792 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

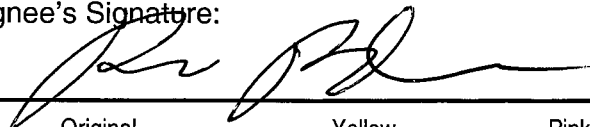


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 792	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2/4/15		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
GABBARD, Mike	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes