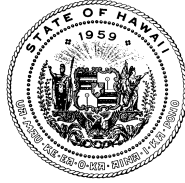


SB2885

Measure Title:	RELATING TO BIRTH DEFECTS.
Report Title:	Birth Defects Program
Description:	Clarifies the use of the birth defects data to include health care providers.
Companion:	HB2356
Package:	Governor
Current Referral:	CPH
Introducer(s):	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 2885
RELATING TO BIRTH DEFECTS**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: February 18, 2016 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None. The information about services and resources available for the
2 child with a birth defect will be provided within the current Birth Defects Program and Children
3 with Special Health Needs Branch resources. The programs that serve the children with birth
4 defects already exist and will be able to provide services early to the child to reduce potential
5 greater costs in the future.

6 **Department Testimony:** The Department strongly supports this administrative proposal. This
7 bill provides the authority to the Department of Health to communicate with the primary care
8 provider of a child identified with a birth defect, as a result of information collected pursuant to
9 birth defect studies, to provide information about programs and resources that may help the
10 child. The amended language also clarifies that an Institutional Review Board (IRB) may
11 exempt an activity that uses the birth defects data under the IRB rules of exemptions.

12 The provision of information about resources to the primary care physicians of children
13 with birth defects may result in potentially high-needs children and their families receiving
14 services to help them reach their health and learning potentials.

15 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Health
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2016
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Re: SB2885 Relating to Birth Defects

Position: Support

Dear Senators Baker, Kidani and Committee Members:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section (Hawaii ACOG) supports the proposal to amend the Section 324—43, Hawaii Revised Statutes that would allow the participation of health care providers in the collection of information from patients in the study of birth defects.

This bill will facilitate the collection of data and aid in the research that may ultimately lead to the improvement of healthcare in our state.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify, and for your support of Hawaii Women's Health.

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