

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2738  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2738 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand and monitor health care coverage for children in Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Infant Health Care Program as a temporary three-year pilot program to provide continuous, quality health care services by the Department of Human Services or a designated contractor to uninsured newborn children living in Hawaii who are one day, but not more than thirty days, of age;
- (2) Establishing the Hawaii Children's Health Care Program as a temporary three-year pilot program to provide health care coverage to uninsured children living in Hawaii between thirty-one days and nineteen years of age through a public-private partnership between the Department of Human Services and one or more managed care plans operating in the State that offer accident and health or sickness insurance plans; and



- (3) Appropriating funds to establish the Hawaii Infant Health Care Program and Hawaii Children's Health Care Program, including funding for relevant positions and administrative costs.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Save Medicaid Hawaii, Kokua Kalihi Valley, and several individuals supported this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing all appropriations to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

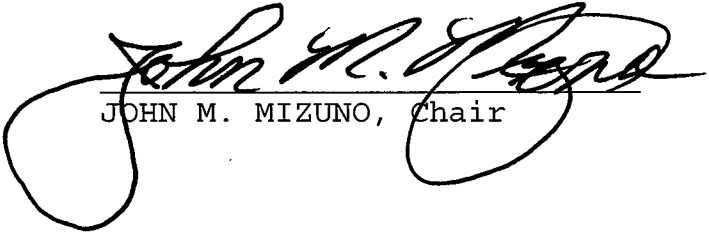
Should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure further, your Committee on Health & Human Services respectfully requests that it consider appropriating:

- (1) \$150,000 to provide continuous, quality health care services to uninsured newborn children through the Hawaii Infant Health Care Program;
- (2) \$700,000 to fund the Hawaii Children's Health Care Program;
- (3) \$52,000 to establish two full-time equivalent permanent (2.00 FTE) eligibility worker I positions for the Hawaii Infant Care Program; and
- (4) \$50,000 for administrative costs, office furniture, and other supplies and equipment necessary to implement the Hawaii Infant Health Care Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2738, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health & Human  
Services,

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



