

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 1, 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 between thirty-one days and nineteen years of age living in Hawaii 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, American Civil Liberties Union People Power, Women's March Hawaii, Save Medicaid Hawaii, Waikiki Health, and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



