

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1066

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 678
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 678, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Newborn Hearing Screening statute to:

- (1) Mandate reporting of diagnostic audiologic evaluation results to improve identification and follow-up of infants identified as deaf or hard of hearing; and
- (2) Update definitions and terminology.

Department of Health and the Disability and Communication Access Board testified in support of this measure. The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery testified in opposition to this measure.

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. 678, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



