

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1593

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.R. No. 61
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.R. No. 61 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXPAND
AND IMPROVE HAWAII'S HEALTHY START PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Health to expand and improve Hawaii's Healthy Start
Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Child and Family Service.

Your Committee finds healthy and positive experiences in
early childhood promote positive outcomes for children and their
parents. Supporting families of newborns promotes positive
parent-child relationships, especially in households at risk of
child maltreatment and neglect. Home visiting programs provide
individually tailored support, resources, and information to
expectant parents and families with young children. Your
Committee further finds that home visiting services are evidence-
based programs that reduce the risk of child abuse by fostering
family functioning, enhancing positive parenting skills, and
linking parents to community resources such as mental health
services, early childhood education, childcare, family literacy,
employment, and social services. Your Committee acknowledges that



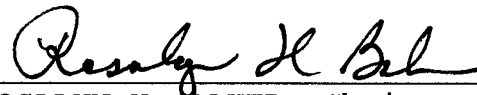
Hawaii's nationally recognized home visiting program reached over 840 households in 2017, despite significant budget cuts in recent years. Your Committee recognizes the significant positive impact of the Department of Health's home visiting program and urges the Department of Health to continue expanding the home visiting program, including reinstating a statewide network of home visiting services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing references to the Healthy Start program with the home visiting program to accurately reflect the name of the Department of Health's program;
- (2) Amending the title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 61, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 61, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SR 61	CPH, WAM	3/20/19		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	7			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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