

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2616

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2352
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2352 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAFE HAVEN LAW,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Health to engage in a public awareness campaign on the safe haven law in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Family Forum, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has had a "safe haven law" since 2007. The law was intended to prevent newborn babies from being abandoned by allowing newborns to be left at a safe place, such as a hospital, fire station, or police station, or with emergency services personnel. Under the concept of "safe-surrender", the law focuses on the health and safety of the newborn rather than liability of the parent for abandonment. However, since the safe haven law's passage, it remains widely unknown and there is a very limited amount of public information to educate the public on the law.

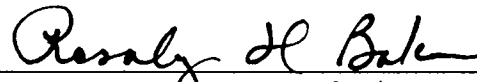


Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting a blank appropriation amount for the Department of Health to engage in a public awareness campaign on the safe haven law in the State.

To assist the Committee on Ways and Means with its deliberation on this measure, your Committee notes that the public awareness campaign on the safe haven law proposed by this measure would require an appropriation of \$20,000.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2352, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2352, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2352	CPH, NAM	1/29/20		
<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)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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