

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

418

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 987  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 987 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEARING AND VISION PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase early identification of children with hearing or vision loss by establishing consistent protocols for screening and follow-up, screener training, and data collection and reporting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Early Learning, Disability Communication Access Board, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that improving hearing and vision screening services for children will improve the early identification of children with hearing or vision loss. Your Committee further finds that early identification of vision and hearing loss, with appropriate follow-up services, is critical for the development of children's development of language and communication skills.

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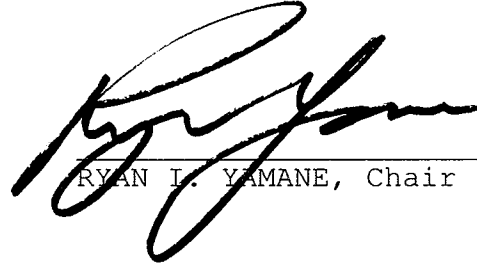


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 987, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 987, 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, & Homelessness,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



