

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

164

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1140

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1140
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Ensure that timely diagnostic audiologic reports on newborns who did not pass newborn hearing screening, or infants whose hearing status changes, are provided to the Department of Health; and
- (2) Update definitions and terminology.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Disability and Communication Access Board, and Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that mandating the reporting of diagnostic audiologic evaluation results for newborns who do not pass hearing screening will help the State meet national goals to help children who are deaf or hard of hearing be language ready for school. This measure will improve the identification and follow-up of infants who are deaf or hard of hearing.



Your Committee finds that the amended language in section 321-363, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which relates to the adoption of rules regarding the Statewide Newborn Hearing Screening Program in section 5 of this measure can be read to require reporting for infants who have not been identified as deaf or hard of hearing. Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending section 5 of this measure to clarify that the reporting requirements will apply to only those infants who have been identified as deaf or hard of hearing; and
- (2) 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 Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1140, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1140, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



JARRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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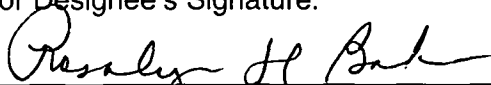
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	-

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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