

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3901

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2022

RE: H.B. No. 986
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require diagnostic audiologic evaluation results of newborn hearing screening evaluations, or infants whose hearing status changes, to be provided to the Department of Health.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Communication Access Board, Executive Office on Early Learning, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Early Childhood Action Strategy, and Special Education Advisory Council. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii.

Your Committees find that the State's Public Health Screening Program helps deaf or hard of hearing children reach their developmental milestones and be language-ready for school. However, the Department of Health Newborn Hearing Screening Program does not receive diagnostic audiologic evaluation results for all newborns who fail to pass newborn hearing screening. This measure ensures consistent reporting of diagnostic audiologic




evaluation results for all infants who fail to pass hearing screening and facilitates the appropriate follow-up and support through early intervention services.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Department of Health shall adopt rules relating to the reporting of diagnostic audiologic evaluation results for those infants who fail newborn hearing screenings or 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 records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 986, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



KARL RHOADS, Chair



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<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
LEE, Chris	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	7	-	-	-
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	10			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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