STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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:

- 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,

MANE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.:		nmittee Referral: X X		Date: 02/11/2021		
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) 						
HHH Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
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The recommendation is:	Adopted If joint referra	al,	Not Adopted did not support recommendation			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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