

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1141
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. 1141
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the
early identification of children with hearing or vision loss by
establishing consistent protocols for hearing and vision 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, Disability and Communication Access
Board, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, and Hawaii
Optometric Association.

Your Committee finds that the sooner a parent is aware that
their child may be identified as blind, deaf, deaf-blind, or hard
of hearing, the more advantageous it is for the child. Your
Committee also finds that this measure will allow the Department
of Health to set recommended standards for vision and hearing
screening based on national guidelines and best practices.
Furthermore, a statewide screening protocol will ensure that all
organizations performing screening are using tools, screening
procedures, and referral criteria based on evidence and best
practices.



Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 1141, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1141, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



FARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, 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
KEOHOKALOPE, 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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