

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2044

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 03 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2024  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2024 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 require that the diagnostic audiologic evaluation results of newborns who did not pass newborn hearing screening, or infants whose hearing status changes, are provided to the Department of Health in a timely manner.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Early Learning, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health's Newborn Hearing Screening Program helps children who fail hearing screening to receive diagnostic testing and assists children who are deaf or hard of hearing to enroll in early intervention services to support their communication development. Your Committee further finds that when a newborn does not pass hearing screening, the results are not required to be reported to the Newborn Hearing Screening Program. In these cases, the program is unable to aid these newborns in a timely manner. Requiring data



reporting will allow the program to increase the percentage of deaf or hard of hearing infants to receive early intervention services and develop communication skills.

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. 2024, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2024, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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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 H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	—	—	—

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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