

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1418

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 850
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 850, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require, and appropriate funds for, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to study health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the State to develop data to inform the State's public health policies and practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; University of Hawai'i System; Executive Office on Aging; Disability and Communication Access Board; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Easterseals Hawaii; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities experience disproportionate health disparities in comparison to their peers without disabilities. Your Committee further finds that there is a critical lack of information on the health disparities and social determinants of health for individuals with intellectual or developmental

2025-2783 SB850 HD1 HSCR HMSO



disabilities in the State, leading to gaps in research, health care, and policies that unnecessarily create challenges for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Your Committee believes that there is a pressing need to develop an updated, accurate set of data on the health disparities of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their social determinants of health, including the development of baseline data and prevalence rates, to ensure individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Hawaii are provided with appropriate resources, health care, and social services.

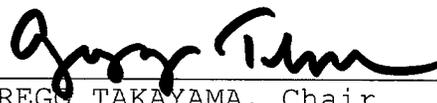
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$550,000.

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. 850, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 850, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



