STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1463

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 145

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 145 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IMPLEMENTED BY HOSPITALS TO REDUCE ELECTIVE CESAREAN SECTIONS AND INDUCTION OF LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to review and assess the policies and procedures implemented by hospitals to reduce elective cesarean sections and induction of labor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the March of Dimes. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Health. Comments on this measure were submitted by Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that there has been a sharp increase in the number of induction and elective surgical births in the past ten years that have increased the rate of pre-term births.

Your Committee further finds that the Healthcare Association of Hawaii is a non-profit organization that represents Hawaii's health care providers and would serve as a valuable asset to the

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review and assessment process conducted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Department of Health to conduct the review and assessment in consultation with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 145, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 145, S.D. 1.

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

DAVID Y IGE, Chai

The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

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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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)			· ·		
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)					
BAKER, Rosalyn H.					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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