

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2559
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2559, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MORTALITY REVIEW OF DEATHS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Department of Health to conduct multidisciplinary and multiagency mortality reviews in order to reduce the number of preventable deaths involving persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

The Department of Health and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities testified in support of this measure.

The Department of Health testified that the Government Accountability Office recommended to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that states be encouraged to conduct mortality reviews to address quality of care concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2559, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



