

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2770

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2605  
S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote oral health by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health to educate the public about proper oral hygiene for children; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for an electronic system to track data on children's dental health.

This measure also provides that the fees the State pays to dentists for services provided to public assistance recipients are to be determined by the Department of Human Services, rather than the medicaid fee schedule.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Good Beginnings Alliance.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is last among states for children's dental health due, in part, to lack of education and lack of a system for tracking children's dental health. Your Committee finds that education provided by the Department of Health and the Hawaiian Islands Oral Health Task Force will increase public awareness of proper oral hygiene for children and

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will decrease the rate of tooth decay in Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that appropriating funds for an electronic system to track children's dental health will assist the State in targeting programs to reduce tooth decay and other dental problems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health, Family Health Services Division, with the assistance of the Hawaiian Islands Oral Health Task Force, to perform the public education program;
- (2) Specifying that the portion of the public education program regarding dental sealants concerns sealants for children not exceeding eighteen years of age;
- (3) Requiring education about regular semiannual dental visits instead of annual dental visits;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓	
ESPERO, Will	✓	
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓	
KIM, Donna Mercado		✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓	
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓	
RYAN, Pohai	✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓	
WAKAI, Glenn	✓	
SLOM, Sam	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>		
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