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Comments: To Whom it May Concern, Did you know that 1 in every 100 babies is born with a critical congenital heart defect (CCHD)? This means that heart defects are the number one MOST COMMON birth defect in the United States. As the mother of a baby born with a critical heart defect, I fully support the efforts of HB467, HD1. My son Christian was born in in Kailua in 2009 with Total Anomalous Pulmonary Veinous Return - a life threatening heart defect. Soon after his birth, a routine pulse oximetry test detected my son's heart failure, and ultimately saved his life. Had he not received a pulse oximetry test at birth, we may have taken home a baby who appeared healthy, but could have died unexpectedly in our care. Instead, he went on to have open heart surgery as a newborn, and is a joyful healthy 5 year old boy today! We're very fortunate that his hospital already implements routine pulse oximetry testing on newborns, but it isn't currently a requirement in all Hawaii hospitals. Routine pulse oximetry tests are inexpensive (less than \$5), painless, noninvasive, and quick. All hospitals are already equipped to administer these routinely at birth and then again before discharge home. Considering this test is capable of detecting over 90% of heart defects, the American Academy of Pediatrics has clear guidelines suggesting the use of pulse oximetry as the standard of care for newborns. You'll learn more about this bill in the hearing on Monday(3/30). As a heart mom, I urge you to PLEASE support this bill to save the lives of Hawaii-born keiki like my son Christian! Thank you for your consideration, Kelsey Popp (360)649-3680 788 SW 12th Ct Oak Harbor, WA 98277

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