

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 768
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer
Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 768 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION
INSURANCE COVERAGE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide
insurance coverage equality for women who are diagnosed with
infertility by making available to them expanded treatment
options, ensuring adequate and affordable health care services.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii State Democratic Women's
Caucus, and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony
in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Catholic Conference
and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committees received comments
on this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Hawaii Medical Service
Association.

Your Committees find that infertility is a disease of the
reproductive system that impairs and substantially limits an
individual's major life activity of reproduction. In the United
States, infertility affects approximately seven million women and
their partners, and approximately twelve percent of women of
childbearing age have used an infertility service. Since 1987,
Hawaii has required insurance coverage for the treatment of
infertility through in vitro fertilization. However, existing law



provides for only a one-time benefit; applies only to the insured or insured's spouse; requires fertilization with the sperm from the patient's spouse; requires a history of infertility for at least five years; requires previous attempts at pregnancy through other applicable infertility treatments for which coverage is available; and applies only to a limited number of medical conditions associated with infertility.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "infertility" to be consistent with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and American Society for Reproductive Medicine; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 768, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 768, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce and Consumer
Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

JOSH GREEN, Chair

The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 708</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HTH/CPN, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2/6/15</div>		
<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-between; 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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.			✓	✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	4	0	1	2
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:				
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