

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **61**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 2017

RE: S.B. No. 405

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 405 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the efficiency and quality of Hawaii's early intervention services by appropriating funds for a web-based data system in the Department of Health's Early Intervention Section.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Children's Action Network and Transform Hawai'i Government. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that early intervention services have numerous benefits for children, families, and society. A report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found an economic advantage of quality intervention services equal to an \$8 return for every \$1 invested in early intervention. Society benefits from healthier children, more efficient use of school services, and less use of the criminal justice system.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Health's Early Intervention Section data system is paper-based and outdated, and lacks web-based capability for retrieving real-time data, accessibility from multiple locations, and generating reports and billing. Currently thirty-four states across the country have web-based early intervention data systems. The

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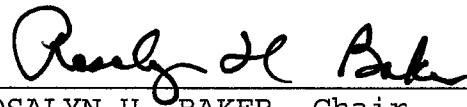


Department of Health provides early intervention services through twenty service providers to approximately 3,500 children each year. Your Committee finds that updating the data system will improve tracking of services and progress of each child, better serve families, and generate better outcomes for Hawaii's keiki.

Your Committee heard testimony from the Department of Health that the Department has conducted a software assessment and feasibility study to identify ways to modernize the existing software and systems. The Department testified that the next step is creation of a traceability matrix to prioritize requirements of an updated data system. Your Committee requested the Department of Health, after consulting with the Department of Human Services about potential collaboration, to submit a written plan regarding how best to begin progress toward implementing a modern, web-based early intervention data system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 405 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB405</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPH, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/1/17</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Clarence K Nishihara</i></div>				
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