STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii , 2020 FEB 13

RE: H.B. No. 1662 H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1662, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that timely diagnostic audiologic evaluation reports related to follow-up treatment and support of newborns who did not pass newborn hearing screening are provided to the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that children who are deaf or hard of hearing who receive early hearing screening and appropriate follow-up treatment and support have better vocabulary outcomes, reach their language and communication milestones, and are language-ready for school.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised by Kaiser Permanente Hawaii regarding the potential unauthorized sharing of confidential protected health information since this measure does



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not require parental consent before releasing newborn hearing screening results to the Department of Health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that this measure applies to infants who do not pass the infant hearing screening test; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1662, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1662, H.D. 2, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

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Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	:		
HB 1662, HDI	HUT, FIN	FIN 2-11-20			
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: □ Pass, unamended (as is) □ Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)					
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)					
3. BELATTI, Della Au					
4. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				Adamenta XXIII maaamaa ii	
5. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A					
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.					
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7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
8. WARD, Gene					
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: B- Lafard					
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