

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 2506 HD1
RELATING TO DEAD BODIES**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date and Time: Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Room: 308

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Estimated at \$100,000 for modification to fetal death reporting system,
2 online certificate ordering system, development of a new vital record certificate and retraining
3 of personnel and time to implement 1 year from enactment.

4 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) will require \$100,000 and
5 sufficient time to implement H.B. 2506.

6 **Department Testimony:** H.B. 2506 requires the Department of Health to develop and issue a
7 new vital record certificate called a “Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth” upon the request
8 of the parent.

9 In the State of Hawaii all products of conception require the reporting of either a fetal death or
10 a live birth. The Fetal Death Certificate mandated by Federal law already allows for the naming
11 of the fetus by the parents. The Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth would be a new vital
12 record that would duplicate the naming of the fetus in the Fetal Death Certificate.

13 The legislature would need to appropriate the funds to modify the fetal death reporting system
14 to require all fetal deaths be named including a procedure to determine whether the father’s
15 name be included on the Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth when the parents of the fetus
16 are unmarried; online certificate ordering system to specify who is entitled to order a
17 Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth; and retaining of hospital personnel and DOH staff to

- 1 differentiate a Certificate of Live Birth from a Certificate of Birth Resulting in a Stillbirth and
- 2 from a Fetal Death. We estimate that these computer systems modifications and retaining of
- 3 personnel would require 1 year to implement the Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth.
- 4 Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.



KE ONE O KĀKUHHEWA

O'ahu Council of the
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2020

CONFERENCE ROOM 308

STATE CAPITOL

415 South Beretania Street

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HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF
HONOLULU
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PRINCE KŪHIŌ HCC
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QUEEN EMMA HCC
RAWLETTE P. KRAUT

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MARIE "MĀLIA" DOO

HCC OF WAIALUA
MAKALAPUA CASSON-
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CYNTHIA ENRIQUEZ

WAIKIKI HCC
L. PI'KEA TOMCZYK

HCC OF WAIMĀNALO
LOUANNA KAIO

Aloha Chair LUKE, Vice chair CULLEN, and members of the committee,

My name is Benton Kealii Pang and I am the president for the O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. I am writing in **strong support** of **HB2506 HD1**, requiring the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents named on the fetal death certificate issued in the case of a stillbirth.

At its 58th annual convention in 2017, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, of which O'ahu Council is a member, adopted resolution 2017-40, urging the State of Hawai'i to issue a certificate of stillbirth in addition to a certificate of fetal death.

For Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby.

Thus, Ke One O Kākuhihewa respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB2506 HD1.

Ke One O Kākuhihewa is a native Hawaiian council made up of 24 civic clubs on the island of O'ahu. Our oldest member, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu was established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole on December 7, 1918.

Sincerely,

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.



Hawai‘i House of Representatives
Committee on Finance

Pō‘akahi, Pepeeuali 24, 2020
Lumi ‘Aha Kūkā 308
Ke Kapikala Moku ‘āina
415 South Beretānia Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i. 96813

Re: HB 2506 HB 1 - Relating to Vital Statistics

*Aloha Luna Ho‘omaluku, Hope Luna Ho‘omaluku Cullen, and members of the House
Committee on Finance:*

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **SUPPORTS** HB 2506 HB 1. This bill proposes the establishment of a document recording a stillbirth to be issued upon request in addition to a certificate of fetal death.

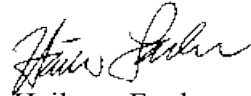
For Native Hawaiians, the cycle of life begins from conception on to birth, through life, to death, and beyond. As such, it is culturally important to formally record a life, even in cases of stillbirth. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families’ health and well-being. A certificate of stillbirth can be a meaningful part of the grieving and healing process. Existing State law only provides for a certificate of fetal death that alone may be a painful reminder of the tragic loss.

In recognition of this need, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club adopted Resolution 2017-40 at its 58th Annual Convention entitled “Strongly urging the State of Hawai‘i Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth in addition to a certificate of fetal death.” (see attached). Thus, the Association respectfully urges your committee to **PASS HB 2506**.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and has grown to a confederation of over sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawaiʻi and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization. The Association is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors; advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our *mana ʻo*.

Me ka ʻoia ʻi ʻo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hailama Farden', written in a cursive style.

Hailama Farden

Pelekikena

***ASSOCIATION OF
HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS***

A RESOLUTION

No. 2017 - 40

**STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF STILLBIRTH IN ADDITION TO A CERTIFICATE OF
FETAL DEATH**

WHEREAS, for Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond; and

WHEREAS, we honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), in 2013, approximately 24,000 stillbirths were reported in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a stillbirth is the death or loss of a baby before or during delivery and is referred to as a fetal death; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, in the California Law Review it states that “Stillbirth is a devastating obstetric outcome—a reproductive moment that at once combines birth and death;” and

WHEREAS, the loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families’ health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child; and

WHEREAS, having only a certificate of fetal death is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman’s failure to produce a healthy, living baby; and

WHEREAS, respect should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai‘i, upon the loss of a baby due to stillbirth, parents complete the same forms as others and instead of receiving a birth certificate they are only issued a certificate of fetal death; and

WHEREAS, reporting requirements and completeness of reporting for fetal death data vary substantially among states; and

WHEREAS, according to the M.I.S.S Foundation website (www.missfoundation.org), there are currently 34 states in the United States that have passed legislation to issue a certificate of stillbirth which began in 2001 in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter 338, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Relating to Vital Statistics has two sections that refer to fetal deaths and these sections are 338-8, Compulsory registration of deaths and fetal deaths, and 338-9, Filing and preparation of death and fetal death certificates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 58th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani, this 4th day of November 2017, strongly urging the State of Hawai'i Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth in addition to a certificate of fetal death; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon request from the mother or father, a certificate of stillbirth shall be issued by the department for any fetal death previously filed with the department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fee for issuance shall be the same as the fee for a birth or death certificate issued by the department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the certificate shall include, but not be limited to, the following: 1) Name of the stillborn child, 2) Date of delivery, 3) County of delivery, 4) Mother's name and birthplace, 5) Father's name and birthplace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the State of Hawai'i Department of Health, Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, Chair of the House Committee on Health & Human Services, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani on the 4th day of November 2017, at the 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Seattle, Washington.


Annette C. Amaral, President



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Kōmike Mālama Ola

February 24, 2020

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Jane Ka‘alakahikina Pang, RN, PHN
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Kōmike Mālama Ola - Health and Human Services
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Re: HB2506 HD1 - RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 2506 HD1** Relating to Vital Statistics. This bill requires the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents.

As a retired nurse case manager with 39 years with Los Angeles County, Department of Hospitals, currently serving as chair for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Kōmike Mālama Ola, Health and Human Services. In November, 2017, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs meeting at its 58th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, unanimously approved Resolution 2017-40 “STRONGLY URGE THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF STILL BIRTH IN ADDITION TO A CERTIFICATE OF FETAL DEATH”.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs represents sixty seven component Hawaiian Civic Clubs (HCCs), one of the oldest Native Hawaiian organization founded by Prince Jonah Kalaniana‘ole Kūhio, a national organization with HCCs throughout Hawai‘i and seventeen clubs across twelve state: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.

For Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby. Therefore, we respectfully urge the Committee to **PASS HB 2506 HD1**.

Kōmike Mālama Ola and our HCC membership strongly **support HB2506 HD1** and the many parents and 'ohana who experience still birth. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.



Luna O Nā Papa Alaka'i

Pelekikena

Anthony Makana Paris

Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi

Randi Fernandez

Hope Pelekikena 'Elua

K ā'eo Kealoha Lindsey

Pu'ukū

Leilani Williams-
Solomon

Kākau 'Ōlelo Ho'opa'a

Sai Furukawa

Kākau 'Ōlelo Palapala

Kamuela Werner

Pelekikena Hala Koke

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*Founded in 1964
by Lili'uokalani
Kawānanakoa Morris*

House Committee on Finance

Monday, February 24, 2020
1:00 pm Conference Room 308

State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Re: HB2506 HD1 – RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and members of the House committee on Finance:

The Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club **SUPPORTS** HB2506 HD1. This bill for an act will require the department of health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in the case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents. At its 58th annual convention, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs adopted resolution 2017-40, strongly urging the State of Hawaii Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth in addition to a certificate of fetal death.

The acknowledgment of the stillbirth life of a child through certificates can provide meaningful support to the *'ohana*.

Founded in 1964, PKHCC was organized to promote the education and social welfare of people of Hawaiian ancestry and objectives include supporting high ethical standards in business, industry and the professional fields of enterprise.

PKHCC urges the committees to PASS HB2506 HD1.

Me ke aloha,

A. Makana Paris
Pelekikena
president@pkhcc.org

MOKU O MANOKALANIPO
THE KAUA'I COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Date: February 24, 2020

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Moku o Manokalanipō, The Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Malia Nobrega-Olivera, President
malianob@gmail.com

Re: HB 2506 HD1 RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

I'm writing on behalf of Moku o Manokalanipō, The Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs which represents the four (4) Hawaiian Civic Clubs based on the island of Kaua'i.

Moku o Manokalanipō **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 2506 HD1** Relating to Vital Statistics. This bill requires the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in the case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents.

Our members actively participate in our annual conventions and in 2017 the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs adopted resolution 2017-40, strongly urging the State of Hawai'i Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth in addition to a certificate of fetal death.

For Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby. Therefore, Moku o Manokalanipō respectfully urges the Committee to PASS HB 2506 HD1.

The Hawaiian civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and in 1968, the Hawaiian Civic Clubs on the island of Kaua'i organized Moku o Manokalanipō, the Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2020 2:46:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Tanimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

He lei poina 'ole ke keiki na ka makua.

A beloved child is a lei that will never be forgotten by a parent

Date: February 24, 2020

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Malia and Victor Nobrega-Olivera and the Nobrega 'Ohana
Hanapēpē, Kaua'i
malianob@gmail.com

Re: HB 2506 HD1 RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

I'm writing on behalf of my family from Hanapēpē, Kaua'i.

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 2506 HD1** Relating to Vital Statistics. This bill requires the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in the case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents.

I gave birth to my beautiful baby girl, a beautiful angel, Ka'ai'ōhelo, four years ago on June 8, 2015 at Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hospital. My due date was set for July 8, 2015. We were so excited for the arrival of our baby. She was my first born and baby grew inside of me for 36 weeks and was perfect in every way. We went in for a checkup and after the ultrasound the doctor told me that the baby didn't have a heartbeat. I looked at my husband and what do we say, what do we do, we were at a lost for words, we just lost our baby. So now what?

The next step was giving birth to our baby girl. The hānau (birthing) was an amazing process to experience, one that I will never forget and it was beautiful in every way. I experienced all the contractions, I did my breathing, my water broke, and she was ready to enter into this world. Once baby was born, my husband followed the nurse and baby got weighed and measured. He then brought Ka'ai'ōhelo to her mommy and I welcomed her with open arms and with tears in my eyes I greeted her with a honi and said, "Aloha e Ka'ai'ōhelo."

As we stared at her beauty and looked at each of her features, yes, I took off her hat and looked at her hair, I wanted to see her fingers and her toes.

I was surprised to have received a memory box from the hospital and I didn't leave the hospital with a baby but with a memory box w/ hand prints, foot prints, a lock of hair, and a few pictures. We now pay it forward and on behalf of baby Ka'ai'ōhelo, our 'ohana donates memory boxes for other parents.

I completed all the required paperwork before leaving the hospital including the information for a birth certificate like every other parent would.

He lei poina 'ole ke keiki na ka makua.

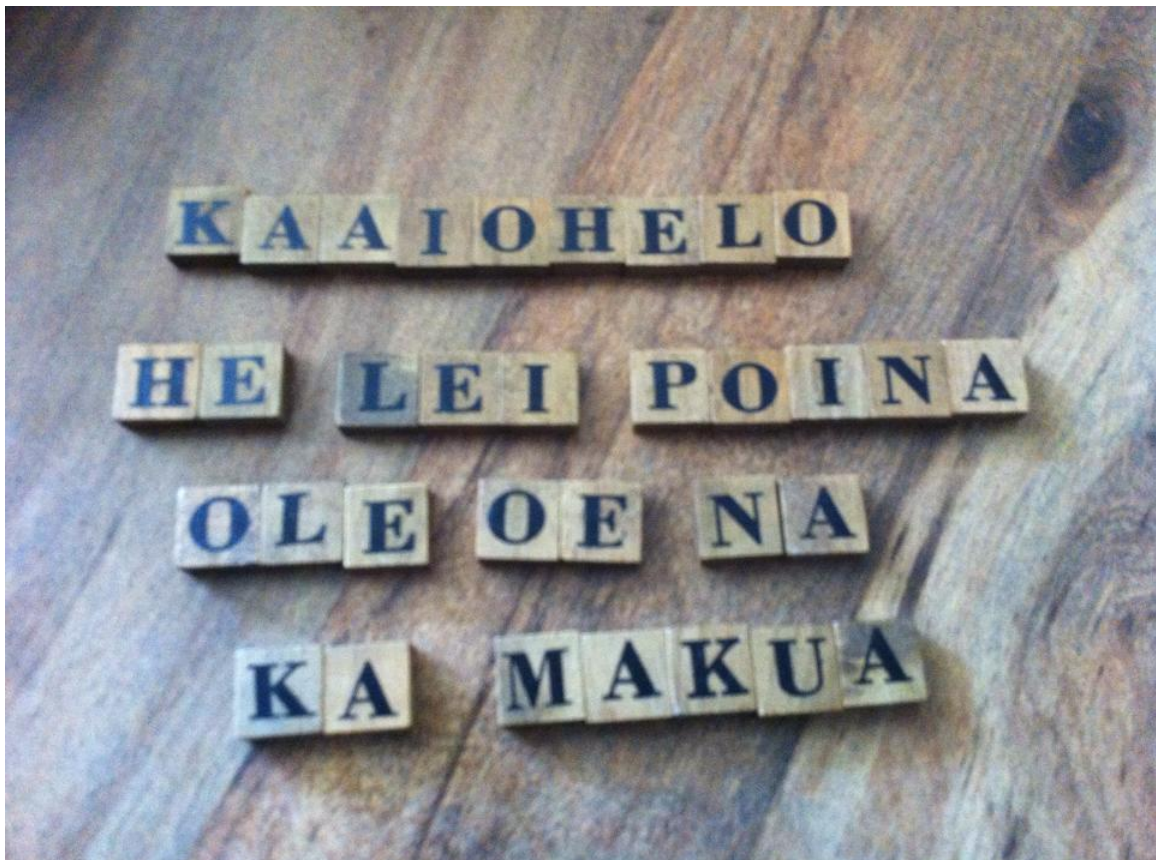
A beloved child is a lei that will never be forgotten by a parent

We also buried our daughter at the local cemetery next to her grandfather and uncle and were surrounded by family and friends.

Eventually I made my way to the Department of Health to request a copy of the birth certificate and death certificate and to my surprise they only issued me a Certificate of Fetal Death. I was hurt because I knew that I gave birth to my baby and like many other moms and dads I wanted to have a birth certificate and a death certificate.

For Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby.

Our family respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS HB 2506 HD1**.



HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 11:26:34 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roxane Stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 11:26:36 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alegna Bolosan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

My family **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB 2506 HD1 Relating to Vital Statistics. This bill requires the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in the case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents.

The cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby. Therefore, we respectfully urge the Committee to **PASS** HB 2506HD1.

HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 11:52:51 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Theodora Furtado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill requesting the Department of Health to issue a birth certificate for a still born child. If they take the time to issue a death certificate, it is even more important that they recognize the fact that the child was born first. Cost should not be a concern but rather the need to malama the grieving parents who nurtured this child for nine months and will feel this loss for a life time..

Thank you for your time

HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 12:17:43 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 2:01:10 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laureen Limasa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

My family STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 2506 HD1 Relating to Vital Statistics. This bill requires the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in the case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents. . For Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby. Therefore, we respectfully urge the Committee to PASS HB 2506HD1.

HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 2:47:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joey Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

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HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 3:11:41 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Juanita Kawamoto Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and Vice Chair Cullen and members of the House Finance Committee

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I am testifying in support of HB 2506 HD 1. As a native Hawaiian and a mother and grandmother the genealogy of my ohana should clearly be able to track the medical conditions that impact the future generations. All families need to have the opportunity to recognize, identify, celebrate and mourn, every important moment in the existence of their ohana. Please pass this bill.

mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Juanita Mahienaena Brown Kawamoto

HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 3:17:11 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Kinney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

My family, and myself, strongly supports HB 2506 HD1 Relating to Vital Statistics. This bill requires the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in the case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents.â€

â€For Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. The mother and child pilina (relationship) begins at conception and never ends. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still.

The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby. Therefore, we respectfully urge the Committee to PASS HB 2506HD1.

Sincerely,

William Kinney



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii
Post Office Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

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Testimony of
Leimana DaMate, Executive Director

Before the House Committee of
Finance

Monday, February 24, 2020
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In **SUPPORT** of
House Bill 2506 HD 1
Relating to Vital Statistics

House Bill 2506 HD1 requires the department of health to issue a certificate of stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents named on a fetal death certificate issued in the case of a stillbirth.

For Native Hawaiians, the cycle of life begins from conception and is a spiritual and sacred labor of love by the parents, who are often supported by 'ohana. It is deeply personal, and when a child is stillborn, the health and well-being of the mother, father and 'ohana are always profoundly felt. Often, through prayers and much thought, a name is given to the child prior to birth.

The importance of acknowledging that it was a child that was stillborn, and not just a fetus through a certificate of fetal death is very important.

We **SUPPORT** the passage of HB 2506 HD 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**MOKU O KEAWE
HAWAI'I COUNCIL OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS**
P.O. Box 7164 | Hilo, Hawai'i | 96720

Committee on Finance

Monday, February 24, 2020 Room #308
Re: HB2506 HD1 RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Ty Cullen and members of the committee,

The Hawai'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB2506 HD1**. This bill proposes the establishment of a document recording a stillbirth to be issued upon request in addition to a certificate of fetal death.

At its annual convention in 2017, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs adopted resolution 2014-40 to which it strongly urged the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth in addition to a Certificate of Fetal Death.

For Native Hawaiians the cycle of life begins from conception, on to birth, death and beyond. We honor all mothers who have given birth to a child whether they were born live or still. The loss of a baby due to stillbirth remains a sad reality for many families and takes a serious toll on families' health and well-being. The mother carried the baby from conception, endures natural childbirth, has milk in her breasts, leaves the hospital without their child and later deals with the burial of their child. It is a troubling and oppressive reminder of a woman's failure to produce a healthy, living baby by having only a certificate of fetal death. Respect and honor should be shown for both the birth and death of the baby.

The Hawai'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs urges the Committee on Finance to **PASS** HB2506 HD1.

The Hawai'i Council is comprised of nine (9) chartered Hawaiian Civic Clubs on the Island of Hawai'i and that we are part of a collective of fifty (51) other clubs throughout the State of Hawai'i and the United States that meet annually to vote on resolutions that advocate for the betterment of the conditions for Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo nui,

Shane Palacat-Nelsen
Pelekikena

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HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:59:34 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doris Matsunaga	Save Medicaid Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Date: February 24, 2020

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Whitney Poli'ahu Wright Dulay, wpoliahu76@gmail.com (808) 347-7253

Re: HB 2506 HD1 RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

My family **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 2506 HD1** Relating to Vital Statistics. This bill requires the Department of Health to issue a certificate of stillbirth issued in the case of a stillbirth, upon request of the parent or parents.

I request this bills be amended to reflect date for bill to go into effect no later than January 1, 2021. Required data and the Department of Health data system has the means to fulfill the needs of this bill.

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HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 6:27:10 AM

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Janice Christian	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 8:26:37 AM

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J Mahealani Agosto	Individual	Support	No

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HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 9:01:33 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Date: February 24, 2020

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Lillian Segal
1221 Ala Alii St. #65, Honolulu, HI 96818

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HB-2506-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dre Kalili	Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-2506-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2020 11:37:03 AM

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HB-2506-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessica Fu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Date: February 24, 2020

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Hanalei Hawaiian Civic Club

P.O. Box 68

Hanalei, HI 96714

Re: HB 2506 HD1 RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS

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