STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2769

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2024 S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2024, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing receive early intervention services to support their communication development.

More specifically, the measure requires that diagnostic audiologic evaluations results for:

(1) Newborns who did not pass newborn hearing screening; and

(2) Infants whose hearing status changes,

be provided to the Department of Health.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Executive Office on Early Learning, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Hawaii Medical Association, Special Education Advisory Council, and one individual.



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Your Committee believes that consistent reporting of diagnostic audiologic evaluation results to the Department of Health would allow the newborn hearing screening program to ensure that any infant who does not pass a hearing screening would receive a diagnostic audiologic evaluation, appropriate follow-up, and support. Your Committee also believes that timely diagnostic audiologic evaluation results would facilitate referrals of deaf and hard-of-hearing infants to early intervention services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2024, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2024, S.D. 2.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA ir



The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		¥			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.		X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.		X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.		X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		X	A		
WAKAI, Glenn		X	No		X
FEVELLA, Kurt		X			
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