

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1309

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1422  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1422, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the amount of fees collected for copies of certain records issued by the Department of Health that are deposited in the Vital Statistics Improvement Special Fund; and
- (2) Repeal the Birth Defects Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Auditor's Report No. 21-03 found that the Birth Defects Special Fund did not meet the criteria of a special fund, in part because there was no clear link between the Hawaii Birth Defects Program and marriage license fees, and recommended its repeal. Your Committee further finds that the funds from the issuance of marriage licenses or certain other



certificates issued by the Department of Health that were previously allocated to the Birth Defects Special Fund may be more appropriately allocated to the Vital Statistics Special Fund, which will support a complete overhaul of vital statistic business functions and reduce significant backlogs in fulfilling customer requests. Your Committee notes that the estimated revenue from these fees is projected to be \$625,000.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, 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 S.B. No. 1422, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1422, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair



