

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 765

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2025

RE: S.B. No. 850
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 850, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate moneys for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to collect data and report to the Legislature on health disparities experienced by persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System, Office of Wellness and Resilience in the Office of the Governor, Executive Office on Aging, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council, Full of Life, and five individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from Honolulu Tower.

Your Committee finds that persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities have historically been a medically underserved population. Your Committee believes that the data collected pursuant to this measure will help support equitable



access to health care by informing policy decisions, identifying systemic barriers, and highlighting gaps in services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities' report to the Legislature should include a list of recommendations and proposals, based on the Council's findings, on how state agencies and departments can implement legislation and policies to reduce health disparities experienced by persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

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. 850, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 850, S.D. 2.

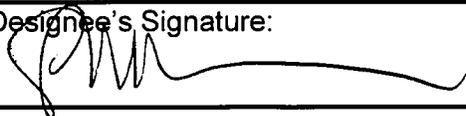
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 850 SD1	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2-19-2025		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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