

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2059

Honolulu, Hawaii
APR 11, 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 73
S.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 Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 73, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE TO DEVELOP A REPORT TO ADDRESS THE DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN BORN DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop a report to address the developmental needs of children born during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; Department of Education; Hawai'i Community Foundation; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that children born during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic have experienced considerable interruptions to their early development due to prolonged isolation, inconsistent caregiving environments, and increased reliance on digital media. These conditions have contributed to notable delays in social skills, emotional regulation, language development, and motor coordination, which can have lasting effects on learning and behavior. This measure requests the

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Office of Wellness and Resilience to assess the developmental needs of children born from 2018 to 2025 and recommend early intervention strategies. By identifying necessary supports, this measure ensures that these children can overcome early setbacks and thrive socially and academically.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 73, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



