

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2012

RE: S.R. No. 89

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.R. No. 89
entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR
AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to declare the
month of April of each year as Autism Awareness Month in Hawaii.

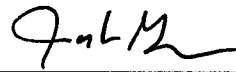
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, State Council on Developmental
Disabilities, Autism Speaks, Community Children's Council of
Hawaii, Autism Society, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the incidence of autism spectrum
disorders is increasing by ten to seventeen percent per year. The
United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate
that autism affects as many as one in every one hundred ten
children, and studies have found that over the last twelve years,
the prevalence of autism has dramatically increased by 289.5
percent. Your Committee also finds that while there is no cure
for autism, early identification allows parents to seek early
intervention services, which may spare individuals from life-long
dependency as a ward of the State. Your Committee consequently
finds that designating April as Autism Awareness Month falls in
line with National Autism Awareness Month and provides a special
opportunity for advocates and state and private agencies to
increase awareness of autism, early developmental screenings, and
early intervention services.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 89 and recommends its adoption.

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




JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR89	HTH	03/27/12		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	6	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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