

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

510

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 864

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 864
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION
INSURANCE COVERAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand health insurance
coverage for in vitro fertilization by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that the patient's oocytes be
fertilized with the sperm from the patient's spouse;
- (2) Requiring that the patient have a history of infertility
of at least 12 months if 35 years or younger, or at
least six months if over 35; and
- (3) Defining the term "infertility."

The Democratic Party of Hawaii Women's Caucus and several
concerned individuals supported this measure. Hawaii Catholic
Conference and the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii opposed this
measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and
Hawaii Medical Service Association commented on this measure.

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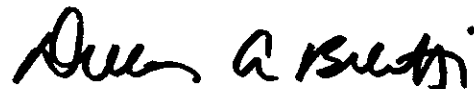


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the amendments detailing requirements of the patient's history of infertility and deleting the definition of "infertility";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 864, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 864, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



