

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

834

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 768
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 768, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide in vitro fertilization insurance coverage equality for all women who are diagnosed with infertility, by requiring non-discriminatory coverage and ensuring quality of care in the diagnosis and treatment of infertility.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Women Lawyers and two individuals. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Catholic Conference. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that in vitro fertilization has provided a solution for many diagnosed with infertility and who desire to have a child. Since 1987, Hawaii has required insurance coverage for infertility treatment through in vitro fertilization. However, the current law has many restrictions. For example, it only applies to the insured or the insured's spouse, requires fertilization with the sperm from the patient's spouse, requires a



history of infertility for at least five years, and requires previous pregnancy attempts through other applicable infertility treatment for which coverage is provided. Your Committee believes this measure eliminates discrimination for in vitro fertilization insurance coverage and provides quality care for those seeking in vitro fertilization.

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. 768, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

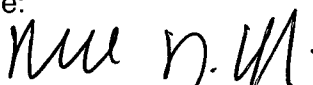


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB768 SDI	HTH/CPN, WAM	3/2/15		
<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 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓ X RPL
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	✓ X
TOTAL	9	0	1	13 ^{2/15}
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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