

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: H.B. No. 467
H.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 467, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require birthing facilities to perform a pulse oximetry test or other medically accepted screening on newborns to screen for critical congenital heart defects; and
- (2) Require birthing facilities to report certain critical congenital heart defect screening data to the Department of Health.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; American Heart Association; March of Dimes, Hawaii Chapter; and five individuals.

Your Committees find that pulse oximetry is a non-invasive test that estimates the percentage of hemoglobin in blood that is saturated with oxygen. When performed on newborns in birthing facilities, pulse oximetry is effective at detecting critical, life-threatening congenital heart defects, which otherwise may go undetected by current screening methods. Many newborn lives could be saved by earlier detection and treatment of congenital heart defects if birthing facilities in the State were required to



perform this screening in conjunction with current congenital heart disease screening methods.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 467, H.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce and Consumer
Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



JOSH GREEN, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 467 HD1	HTH/CPN, WAM	3-19-15		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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