

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: H.B. No. 782  
H.D. 1  
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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 782,  
H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CYTOMEGALOVIRUS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Health to establish a public education program to inform and educate pregnant women and women who may become pregnant about cytomegalovirus;
- (2) Require the Department of Health to convene a working group comprising various stakeholders to participate in the development of the public education program; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to implement the public education program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two hundred forty-nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that congenital cytomegalovirus is the most common cause of birth defects and childhood disabilities in the United States. Approximately one in every one hundred fifty newborn infants is born with the cytomegalovirus and, of those newborn infants, one in every five will suffer a permanent



disability. The cytomegalovirus is the leading cause of non-hereditary deafness in children and has the potential to cause intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, seizures, blindness, and brain damage. However, fewer than one in five pregnant women is aware of cytomegalovirus.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that requires physicians of newborn infants identified as or suspected of having a hearing impairment to test the newborn infant for cytomegalovirus and provide the parents of the newborn infant with information regarding cytomegalovirus; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 782, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 782, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

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