

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3077

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2373
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.B. No. 2373, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SHARING OF VITAL
STATISTICS RECORDS WITH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROGRAM
EMPLOYEES FOR APPROVED RESEARCH PURPOSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the
Department of Health to share public health statistics records
with Department of Health program employees under certain
circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Oahu County Committee on
Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii
Primary Care Association, and Hawaii Children's Action Network.

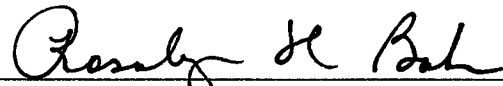
Your Committee finds that this measure will allow the
Department of Health to safeguard the privacy of vital records
while providing limited sharing of vital statistics records
amongst its employees, with approval from the Department's
institutional review committee. Your Committee finds that, under
existing law, the Department is authorized to use de-identified
data for research purposes, however in many circumstances the use
of identified data is also needed for research purposes. Your
Committee further finds that this measure would permit the



Department of Health to conduct the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System research study, among other valuable research.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2373, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



