

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 317

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 18 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1144
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1144
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the
marriage license fee to fund the Hawaii Birth Defects Program,
modernization of the vital statistics system, and operating costs
of marriage license agents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health and one individual. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Domestic
Violence Action Center

Your Committee finds that the State's marriage license fee is
used, in part, to support the Hawaii Birth Defects Program and the
Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund. Your Committee further finds
that no part of the marriage license fee is used to update the
vital statistics computer system that maintains the State's
records of marriage license issuance and registration. Your
Committee finds that this measure increases the fee amount for
marriage licenses, thereby increasing funding to these causes.
The funds will also be used to update the vital statistics system,
which is aging and could be more efficient in processing request,
especially with the increased demands for records to comply with



REAL ID Act standards. Your Committee recognizes the testimony of the Domestic Violence Action Center, which expressed concerns that adding more programs to receive distributions from marriage license fees could reduce the amount received by the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank amount for the new marriage license fees;
- (2) Inserting blank amounts for the distribution of marriage license fees;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 S.B. No. 1144, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1144, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

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



JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First 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
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	-

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Rosalyn H Baker

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