

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2565

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2840
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2840, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTING DEATHS TO STATE
AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
Department of Health to continue to disclose, including through
electronic means, lists of names of persons whose deaths have been
recorded by the Department to state agencies that maintain
official lists of persons and are prohibited by federal law from
sharing information for the lists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Employer-Union
Health Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee finds that although the Department of Health
is allowed to verify information contained in vital statistics
records by employing a process that matches its vital statistics
information with information provided by agencies, that process
cannot be used by state agencies whose lists are confidential
under federal law. Your Committee further finds that some
governmental agencies within the State that keep official lists of
persons need to know when members on their lists have died. Such
notification of death is important in maintaining the integrity of
certain programs, such as Medicaid, by stopping unnecessary
payments to contracted managed care health plans on behalf of

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deceased individuals. By allowing the Department of Health to report deaths to state agencies that maintain official lists that are confidential under federal law, this measure assists state agencies in maximizing the accuracy of their official lists and avoiding the overpayment of benefits and waste of public funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2840, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,

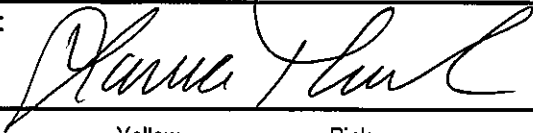


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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JDL

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2840 SD1	Committee Referral: CPH, JDL	Date: 2/26/16		
<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
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C)	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)				/
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes