

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe 4/16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 204
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 204
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the
Department of Health to ensure the continuation of vital health
services and programs. Specifically, this bill appropriates:

- (1) \$260,000 for each year of fiscal biennium 2007-2009, to
establish 5 permanent staff positions to continue free
developmental and behavioral screening and early
detection services for 3- to 5-year-old preschool
children who may be at risk for speech and language
delays, developmental or learning disabilities,
emotional or behavioral problems, and other
disabilities;
- (2) \$60,000 for each year of fiscal biennium 2007-2009, to
hire and maintain on the Department of Health, Family
Health Services Division's staff, a permanent registered
nurse V position to administer and coordinate the
programmatic aspects of the comprehensive primary care
services program, instead of continuing to hire an
outside consultant who can only address a fraction of
the responsibilities that the permanent registered nurse
V could provide; and



- (3) \$41,500 for each year of fiscal biennium 2007-2009, for the Injury Prevention and Control Program to hire and maintain on its staff a qualified individual (planner IV position) to be responsible for:
- (a) Building the injury and violence prevention agenda;
 - (b) Engaging staff and stakeholders in the process;
 - (c) Planning, implementing, and evaluating injury and violence prevention strategies and interventions;
 - (d) Developing and supporting policies, regulations, and legislation; and
 - (e) Initiating and supporting coalitions and partnerships that support these efforts.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council, Seagull Schools, Kapiolani Child Protection Center, Calvary Episcopal Preschool, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health supported the intent of this measure.


Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that it is the Maternal and Child Health Branch and not the Injury Prevention and Control Program that is responsible for family violence prevention programs;
- (2) Appropriating funds for the Maternal and Child Health Branch, not the Injury Prevention and Control Program, to hire a planner; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, 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. 204, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 204, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



