## FIRST REPORT OF FIRST CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB11-088

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Your first conference committee appointed on SB11-088, concerning the regulation of direct-entry midwives, and, in connection therewith, implementing the sunset review recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies, and making an appropriation, has met and reports that it has agreed upon the following:

- 1. That the Senate accede to the House amendments made to the bill, as the amendments appear in the rerevised bill.
- 2. That, under the authority granted the committee to consider matters not at issue between the two houses, the following amendments be recommended:

Amend rerevised bill, page 8, line 16, after the semicolon add "AND".

Page 8, strike line 21 and substitute "SERVICE.".

Page 8, strike lines 22 through 27.

Page 12, line 6, strike "rules." and substitute "rules - repeal.".

Page 14, after line 5 insert:

"(6) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND DECLARES THAT THE ISSUE OF WHETHER REGISTRANTS SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM SUTURING OF PERINEAL TEARS AND, IF SO, WHAT STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND PRACTICE SHOULD BE

ESTABLISHED FOR THE EXERCISE OF THAT AUTHORITY, IS AN ISSUE REQUIRING THOROUGH STUDY AND CONSIDERATION. THEREFORE, AS SOON AS IS PRACTICABLE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY, THE MIDWIFE COMMUNITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL MEET AND DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN AN EFFORT TO REACH AN ACCORD ON WHAT LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY CHANGES ARE APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE GREATER CLIENT CHOICE WITHOUT UNDULY COMPROMISING CLIENT SAFETY. THE PARTIES TO THESE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS SHALL MAKE THE RESULTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE THROUGH POSTING ON THE DIVISION'S WEB SITE OR BY OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS.

(b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective July 1, 2013.".

Respectfully submitted,