

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 495 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2073

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2073
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the continuing battle
against diseases that afflict our most valuable assets, our
children, by creating the Childhood Diseases and Chronic Diseases
Special Fund (Special Fund) to be financed by an income tax refund
check-off on state tax returns.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this
bill. The Department of Health (DOH) opposed this measure. The
Department of Taxation submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Directing DOH to establish an expert advisory committee
to expend the special fund to expand research to find a
cure for various childhood diseases and chronic
diseases, including juvenile diabetes and cancer; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,
consistency, and style.

HB2073 HD1 HSCR HLT HMS 2006-2001



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. 2073, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2073, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



