

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3154
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. 3154
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect pregnant women and young children from the harmful effects of mercury found in many vaccines today by providing that, depending upon availability, children 10 and under and pregnant women shall receive no vaccines with mercury used as a preservative, and specifying that young children shall only receive trace amounts if necessary.

The Hawaii Chapter of the Cure Autism Now Foundation and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Health and American Academy of Pediatrics opposed this measure. The Hawaii Medical Association submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

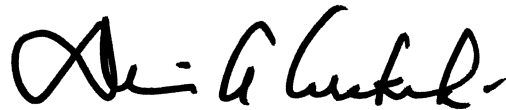
- (1) Prohibiting the administration of vaccines with more than trace amounts of mercury to children under twelve years of age;
- (2) Providing that to the greatest extent possible, no person shall be vaccinated with a vaccine containing mercury;



- (3) Removing the provisions allowing the recourse of civil action for any person claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of this Act; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 3154, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3154, 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



