

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1861 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 24, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 72  
S.D. 1  
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 S.C.R. No. 72, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING HAWAII'S COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CREATING "HEART HEALTHY COMMUNITIES", "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to improve the health of Hawaii's people by encouraging healthy lifestyles through public policy development and community planning.

Your Committee, prior to hearing this concurrent resolution, prepared and made available to the public a proposed draft that requested the Department of Health (DOH) to consider testing the sand along beaches affected by recent sewage spills for dangerous levels of bacteria that could be harmful to our residents and all others who frequent Hawaii's beaches.

DOH supported the intent of this concurrent resolution as proposed.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by, among other things:

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- (1) Amending the title of this measure to read: "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONSIDER CONDUCTING BACTERIA-LEVEL TESTING OF THE SAND AT ALL BEACHES WHERE CONTAMINATED WATER WARNING SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED DUE TO CONTAMINATION CAUSED BY A SEWAGE SPILL";
- (2) Requesting DOH to work with the University of Hawaii in determining safe and effective methods for testing the sand at beaches affected by recent sewage spills; and
- (3) Requesting DOH to submit a report no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007, on its findings related to sand testing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 72, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 72, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

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

  
DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



