

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 247 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 8, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3150
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 3150
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY PLANNING
AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the reporting
requirements found in the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know Act.

Specifically, this bill separates the different reporting
requirements for "hazardous substances" and "extremely hazardous
substances" to eliminate confusion and ensure that businesses
properly file the required chemical inventory reports for
"extremely hazardous substances" and pay the fee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health and the City and County of Honolulu
Local Emergency Planning Committee. No opposing testimony was
received.

Your Committee finds that the misinterpretation concerning
the reporting requirements has led to inaccurate information
concerning hazardous chemicals, which poses potential risks to
emergency responders and the community during emergency situations
involving these chemicals. This measure will result in more
accurate reporting by facilities, which in turn will allow

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emergency responders to better prepare for any emergency involving hazardous chemicals.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date from "upon approval" to "January 1, 2050" to facilitate further discussion on the issue.

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. 3150, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3150, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

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



JOSEPH B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 3150	Committee Referral: HLT, EEP, FIN	Date: 2-6-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	✓			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
7. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>John M. Berger</i>				
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