

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3332
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. 3332
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRE-PACKAGED MEAT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to update Hawaii's statutes in
regard to food safety by providing that a meat or a meat product
is adulterated if it is treated with gas or other technology for
the sole purpose of enhancing color.

The Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996 supported
this bill. The Department of Agriculture supported the intent of
this measure. The National Meat Association (NMA) submitted
comments.

Your Committee received testimony from NMA stating concerns
that the amendments to the Hawaii Meat Inspection Act in this bill
would be preempted by Section 408 of the Federal Meat Inspection
Act, Title 21, United States Code, Chapter 12, Section 678.
Therefore, your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection is
respectfully requested to look further into this matter.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing its
effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further
discussion.



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. 3332, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3332, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



