Honolulu, Hawaii

Much 17 , 2008

RE: H.R. No. 114

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.R. No. 114 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO FORM A WORK GROUP TO EXPLORE THE NEED TO BAN OR BETTER LABEL PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER ASPARTAME,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to address the concerns regarding the safety of aspartame and it's effects on people by forming a work group to explore the need to ban or better label products containing the artificial sweetener aspartame.

The Mission Possible International, and several concerned individuals supported this resolution. The Department of Health, American Beverage Association, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Calorie Control Council opposed this resolution. The Hawaii Dietetic Association submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the dialogue is valuable on this issue and it is important to continue this dialogue by passing this measure. Some questions were raised regarding the membership on the work group, therefore, the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns and Consumer Protection & Commerce are respectfully requested to look into this matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your

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Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 114 and recommends that it be referred to the Committees on Economic Development & Business Concerns and Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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

JOSKUA 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.: HR 114	Committee Referral: HLT, EDB/CPC	Date	3-12-	08
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
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If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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