

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 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,

  
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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



