

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2712

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2040  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2040  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER SURVEILLANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to save lives and improve the  
quality of life for individuals affected by cancer.

Specifically, this measure seeks to enhance the quality of  
life of individuals affected by cancer by helping to increase  
community participation in clinical trials, increase the research  
utility of the Hawaii Tumor Registry, allow comprehensive  
monitoring of the efficacy of cancer screening and cancer  
vaccination activities, enhance the quality of life of cancer  
survivors, and to stimulate awareness of the cancer information  
services and local community cancer prevention efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii and the Hawaii Tumor  
Registry. The Department of Health, Hawaii Medical Association,  
and Kaiser Permanente submitted testimony supporting the intent of  
this measure.

Your Committee finds that this is an important measure that  
would enable citizens of Hawaii the right to make choices  
regarding their own health care and give options on whether or not  
to participate in cancer research studies. Your Committee further



finds that communities would benefit from better relations between physicians and researchers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to encourage further discussions on this important measure.

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 S.B. No. 2040, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2040, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



