

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2404

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2008

RE: S.B. No. 3081  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 3081 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require hospitals to participate in a Department of Health electronic health surveillance system.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "syndromic surveillance" applies to surveillance using health-related data that precede diagnosis and signal a sufficient probability of a case or an outbreak to warrant further public health response. Traditional disease surveillance protocols wait for a physician or laboratory diagnosis before alerting public health officials to a potential outbreak. Waiting for a diagnosis can delay the onset of an investigation by several days during which a potential disease host can infect individuals in the public or within a healthcare facility. The goal of a syndromic surveillance system is to detect an outbreak and stop the spread of illness without having to wait for a clinical diagnosis.



This measure requires the Director of Health to develop a syndromic surveillance program with hospital emergency departments in order to detect and investigate public health threats that may result from: (1) an epidemic or infectious, communicable, or other disease; or (2) a terrorist incident using nuclear, biological, or chemical agents.

The intent of this measure is to protect the public health and the safety of the people of Hawaii by providing early warning of potential disease outbreak in Hawaii.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3081, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3081, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and  
Judiciary and Labor,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

  
DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Health**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 3081</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH / JDL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02-13-08</b>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Carol Fukunaga*

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