

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 448

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1611
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1611
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING OF MEAT AND FISH
PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the health and safety
of consumers of meat and fish products by providing for the full
disclosure of the various processes to which meat and fish sold as
fresh product are subject prior to being packaged and displayed
for sale.

The Department of Agriculture (DOA) supported the intent of
this bill. The Grocery Manufacturers Association opposed this
measure. The Department of Health submitted comments.

Your Committee notes that no resounding testimony in support
of this bill was received during its hearing. However, DOA
brought up concerns regarding the possibility that meat and fish
products treated with gas to enhance their appearance could look
fresh even when there are high levels of bacteria present.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

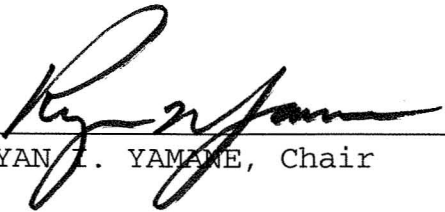
- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to
encourage further discussion; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style

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. 1611, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1611	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC/JUD	Date: 2-17-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				/
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				/
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn	/			
TOTAL (9)	5			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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