

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 567

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 567 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Makes clear that any person eighteen years of age or older to donate blood in any voluntary and noncompensatory blood program without the necessity of obtaining parental permission or authorization; and
- (2) Allow any person who is sixteen years of age or older but who has not attained the age of eighteen to donate blood in a voluntary and noncompensatory blood program if the person obtains written permission from the person's parent or guardian.

Your Committee finds that twenty-three states have passed legislation or adopted variances recognizing sixteen year olds as eligible voluntary blood donors with parental consent. Your Committee further finds that allowing sixteen year olds to donate blood will increase the donor pool and increase the availability of blood supply to help others in need.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 567 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
JGO

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 567	Committee Referral: HTH, JGO	Date: 2/26/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes