

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 163
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 163 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A LITERATURE REVIEW OF THE HEALTH
EFFECTS FROM LONG TERM EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS WASTE
MATERIALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative
Reference Bureau to review the available literature on the health
effects of long-term exposure to hazardous waste and submit a
report of its findings to the Legislature.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by United
Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO and one concerned
individual. The Legislative Reference Bureau commented on this
measure.

Your Committee finds that refuse and wastewater workers that
collect and treat hazardous waste over long periods of time are at
risk for life-threatening health problems. On a daily basis,
these workers handle various types of chemical and biological
wastes that carry risks of serious long-term illness. Your
Committee finds that measures should be taken to protect refuse
and wastewater workers from the adverse health effects of long
term exposure to hazardous waste. Accordingly, your Committee
believes that a review of best practices for protecting workers
from the biological, chemical, and accidental hazards of long-term

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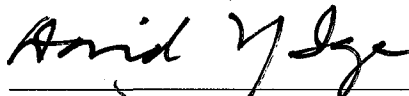


exposure to hazardous wastes will provide a starting point for improving safety and working conditions.

Your Committee has amended this measure to focus the scope of the study on determining the best practices for protecting these workers from the health effects of long-term exposure to these wastes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 163, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 163, S.D. 1.

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

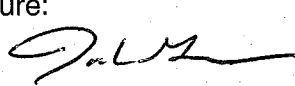


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCF 163	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 4-1-09		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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