

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 61

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1526
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. 1526
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist the public in making
healthy choices when visiting restaurant establishments by
requiring a retail food establishment that is part of a franchise
composed of ten or more establishments to:

- (1) Maintain nutritional information on each of its standard
menu items; and
- (2) Have that information readily available to provide to
the public upon request.

The Hawaii Restaurant Association supported the intent of
this bill. The Department of Health, American Heart Association,
and American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc., opposed this
measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring qualified restaurants with a drive-thru to
provide nutritional information upon request;

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- (2) Amending the definition of "standard menu items" to mean food items offered for sale for more than 180 days per year rather than 30 days;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, 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. 1526, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1526, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



