

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18, 2010

RE: H.R. No. 31
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.R. No. 31 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ASCERTAIN THE SAFETY OF REPASTEURIZED UNREFRIGERATED MILK SHIPPED TO HAWAII FROM THE MAINLAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to urge the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) and State Department of Health (DOH), in a coordinated effort with the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to ascertain the safety of repasteurized and unrefrigerated milk shipped to Hawaii from the mainland.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this resolution. The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and DOH opposed this measure. DOA provided comments.

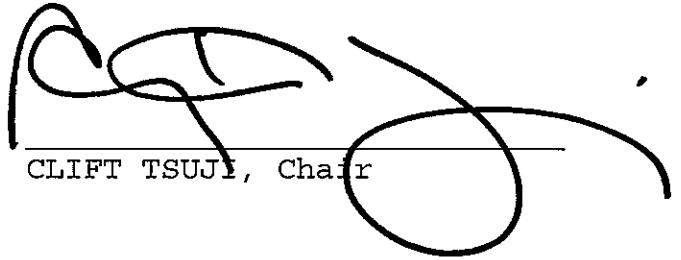
Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) Clarifying that the study reporting premature spoilage of milk was conducted by UH rather than DOA; and
- (2) Requesting that USDHHS and DOH include a determination about safety risks and possible changes to the labeling and shipping process.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 31, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 31, H.D. 1.

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



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



