

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2859

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2010

RE: S.C.R. No. 156
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 156 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF
HEALTH TO ENDORSE XYLITOL FOR ITS PREVENTIVE AND THERAPEUTIC
HEALTH AND ORAL HEALTH BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of
Health to endorse xylitol for its preventive and therapeutic
health and oral health benefits.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the American Dental Hygienists' Association. Testimony in
opposition was received from the Department of Health. Written
testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the
Legislature's website.

The Hawaii Dental Workforce report released on December 11,
2008 at the annual meeting of the Hawaiian Islands Oral Health
Task Force concludes that "Hawaii is struggling with issues
related to access to oral health for all residents as well as for
vulnerable populations, a shortage or maldistribution of dental
practitioners, poor oral health among many subpopulations, and
funding an optimal oral health care system. There are
approximately five hundred studies on PubMed that support xylitol
as an effective preventative and therapeutic agent in the
prevention and treatment of diabetes and dental disease, among
illnesses and conditions.

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Incorporating xylitol into health care programs for children, the elderly, and other populations (such as the institutionalized) will substantially reduce dental caries, upper respiratory infections, and ear infections, and lower glycemic indices, thereby assisting in the maintenance of good health for the people of this State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Director of Health is requested to promote the use of xylitol, rather than endorse its use;
- (2) Adding that the Director is requested to incorporate xylitol into the Healthy Hawaii Initiative as appropriate;
- (3) Changing the title according to the foregoing amendments; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

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. 156, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 156, S.D. 1.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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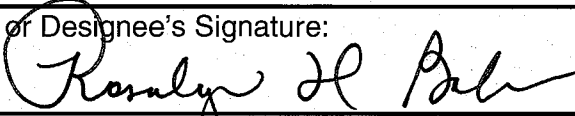
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 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	4	-	-	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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