

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

62

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1344

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1344 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve the availability of poi prepared through customary and traditional Hawaiian cultural food-preparation practices by exempting poi produced by such methods from state food-safety laws, including rules adopted by the Department of Health (DOH) based on the United States Food and Drug Administration's *Food Code* 2009.

Papa Ola Lokahi and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Sierra Club-Hawaii Chapter, and several concerned individuals supported the intent of this measure. Several concerned individuals submitted comments.

After careful consideration, your Committee narrowed the scope of this bill. Specifically, the amendments to the bill, among other things:

- (1) Require that an individual producer of hand-pounded poi sell the product directly to consumers, attend a food-safety class, abide by community best practices, and label each batch of hand-pounded poi properly; and


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- (2) Subject the individual producer of hand-pounded poi to food sampling and subsequent inspection of the producer's premises by DOH upon a consumer complaint.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1344, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1344, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Health.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



FAYE HANOHANO, Chair



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1344	Committee Referral: HAW, HLT, CPC	Date: 2/2/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HAW Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HANOHANO, Faye P. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
10. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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