

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 682 -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2079
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2079
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE MICROBE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and designate the
bacterium *Nesiotobacter exalbescens*, translated from Latin as "an
island-derived rod whose color fades to white", as the official
microbe of the State.

Several individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee notes that microbes are the most abundant
organisms in Hawaii and on Earth. The bacterium *Nesiotobacter
exalbescens* is a rare microbe and was isolated from a remote
environment, a hypersaline lake on Laysan atoll, Northwestern
Hawaiian Islands. Your Committee believes that designation of the
bacterium *Nesiotobacter exalbescens* as the State microbe will
enhance awareness of microbiology and science, as well as
stimulate interest in microbial discoveries and applications.

Recognizing the connection of the bacterium *Nesiotobacter
exalbescens* to Hawaii, your Committee requests that this bacterium
also be known by the Hawaiian phrase "kinohi 'ākala", which
translated into English means "pinkish, reddish endemic genesis".

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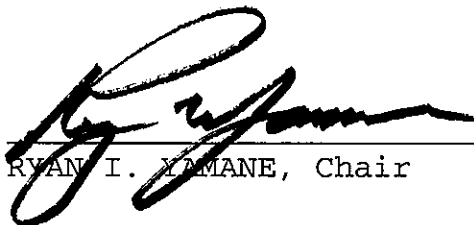


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to August 16, 2161, to facilitate continued discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 2079, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



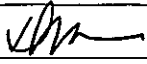
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2079	Committee Referral: HLT	Date: 2/24/12		
<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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
5. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
6. LEE, Chris				✓
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. WOOLEY, Jessica				✓
9. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos				✓
TOTAL (10)	6			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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