

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

907

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2013

RE: H.B. No. 914  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 914, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OBESITY PREVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create the Hawaii Interagency Obesity Prevention Council to formulate and advise the Governor on the implementation of a unified ten-year plan to address child and adult obesity in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, University of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific Health, American Heart Association, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that adult obesity in Hawaii more than doubled between 1995 and 2009 and childhood obesity increased by thirty-eight percent. Your Committee further finds that obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawaii were calculated to be over \$470,000,000 in 2009. In order to reduce and prevent obesity in the State, your Committee finds it necessary to establish the Hawaii Interagency Obesity Prevention Council to formulate and advise the Governor on the implementation of a unified ten-year statewide plan.

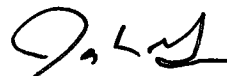
Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation source from the obesity prevention special fund, which does not exist at this time, to the general fund.

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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. 914, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 914, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



