

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 27, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2457
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the dental health of Hawaii's children by, among other things:

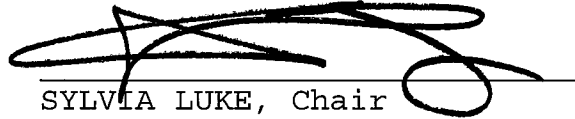
- (1) Requiring the Director of Health to participate in the federally managed National Oral Health Surveillance System; and
- (2) Requiring and appropriating funds for the Department of Health to establish or enter into partnerships or agreements to administer a school-based dental sealant program in a high-need demonstration school, establish a plan for a statewide school-based dental sealant program, and report to the Legislature about the Department's efforts to prioritize the prevention of tooth decay among the state's children.

The Department of Education, Department of Health, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, Pew Children's Dental Campaign, Good Beginnings Alliance, and two concerned individuals supported the measure. The Hawai'i Primary Care Association submitted comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



