

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 24, 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 236

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 236 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE LONG-STANDING CULTURAL HAWAIIAN PRACTICE OF SUN-DRYING FISH TO DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PRESERVE THIS CULTURAL PRACTICE WHILE PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to preserve the traditional Hawaiian practice of sun-drying fish while also protecting the public from foodborne illnesses by requesting the Department of Health to:

- (1) Investigate the potential for microbiological contamination of traditionally prepared fish; and
- (2) Examine how the exemptions made for hand-pounded pa'i'ai may enlighten future policies for sun-dried fish; and
- (3) Extend relevant food establishment permits for businesses that sell sun-dried fish while the study is being conducted; and
- (3) Submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015.



The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, the Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona, Kako'o 'Oiwī, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health testified in opposition. An individual provided comments.

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 H.C.R. No. 236 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



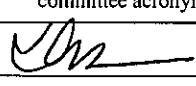
DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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HSCR 1231-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HCR 2300</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3/21/14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele				✓
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo				✓
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7			3
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: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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