

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1035

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1241
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1241, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds for Department of Health lead poisoning prevention
activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that it is well-established that lead
poisoning is a serious problem that can cause permanent health
damage, including intellectual disabilities, learning and behavior
problems, high blood pressure, damage to the brain, nervous
system, kidneys, and red blood cells, as well as coma and death in
severe cases. Even at low levels, lead exposure can result in
adverse health effects, especially in young children. Though the
reported number of children in Hawaii with elevated blood lead
levels has decreased over time, elevated blood lead levels among
children continue to be a concern. An additional concern is that
the percentage of the State's children who are screened for lead
exposure is estimated to be only one-third of the children that
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends to be



screened, which means that the blood lead levels of the unscreened children are unknown and untreated.

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. 1241, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1241 HD1	HTH, WAM	3/18/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	6	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes