

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 11, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1745
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1745
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure, as received by your Committee,
is to authorize the Director of Health, rather than the Governor,
to declare an epidemic or imminent epidemic and use moneys in the
new Disease Outbreak Response Fund for epidemic control and
relief.

An individual testified in support of this measure. The
Department of Health (DOH), Department of the Attorney General,
and Department of Budget and Finance commented on this measure.

Noting DOH's testimony that other mechanisms currently exist
for funding disease outbreak response and the immediate need to
target resources to support vector control efforts in combatting
the dengue fever outbreak and any other future outbreaks, your
Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting provisions
substantially similar to H.B. No. 2061, Proposed H.D. 1,
which your Committee heard on February 5, 2016. As
amended, this measure makes an appropriation in an
unspecified amount for DOH to:



- (A) Hire 37 positions including a vector control manager, communications specialist, and 35 staff; and
 - (B) Take steps to fully reestablish a Vector Control Sector Branch within DOH's Environmental Health Administration; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2070, to encourage further discussion.

Should this measure be considered by the Committee on Finance, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider an appropriation amount of \$1,901,475 to hire the 37 positions and reestablish a Vector Control Sector Branch.

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. 1745, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1745, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



