

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2585

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2240

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2240 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REESTABLISH A VECTOR CONTROL BRANCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the Department of Health to reestablish a Vector Control Branch and hire more full-time employees for vector control.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State of Hawaii Department of Defense, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Kohala Coast Resort Association, and Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that, in 2009, cost-cutting measures eliminated the Department of Health's Vector Control Branch and various positions that were responsible for controlling disease vectors such as mosquitoes and rats. Your Committee further finds that the current outbreak of dengue fever on the Island of Hawaii necessitates an appropriation to the Department of Health to reestablish the Vector Control Branch and hire vector control employees to combat this threat.

In its testimony, the Department of Health has indicated that reestablishing the Department of Health Vector Control Branch would require the hiring of thirty-four full-time employees at a

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cost of \$2,600,000. Your Committee will consider appropriating funds for these purposes in the state budget. However, your Committee notes that the hiring of thirty-four full-time employees at one time may prove problematic. Accordingly, your Committee recommends that the Department of Health consider a more realistic implementation plan that establishes employee positions within the Vector Control Branch in phases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by providing for the hiring of an unspecified number of full-time equivalent vector control positions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2240, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



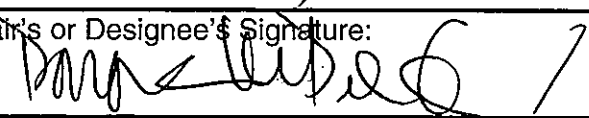
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2240</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>8/23/16</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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