

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2394

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. 2394 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish influenza vaccination requirements for health care workers.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires hospitals to ensure that health care workers receive the influenza vaccination as a precondition to employment and, subsequently, on an annual basis;
- (2) Requires hospitals to provide health care workers with information on the influenza vaccination; and
- (3) Exempts health care workers from receiving an influenza vaccination if the health care worker has a condition contraindicated for the vaccination, holds a sincere religious belief opposing the vaccination, or there is an insufficient supply of vaccine.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health; East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii State Center for Nursing; Hawaii Pacific Health; The American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawaii Chapter; Health Care Association of Hawaii; Walgreens; CVS Health; Hawaii Immunization Coalition; and fifteen



individuals. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Nurses Association and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that health care workers who have been vaccinated for influenza reduce their chances of contracting the flu and transmitting it to patients, including those with compromised immune systems. Your Committee further finds that protecting health care workers from influenza can help to avert critical personnel shortages during times of influenza outbreaks.

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. 2394 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

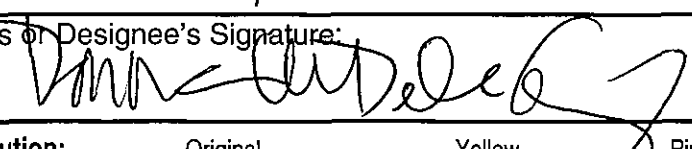


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2394	Committee Referral: CPH, WAM	Date: 2/25/16		
<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
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			/	
TOTAL	4	3	1	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes