

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 162

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 162 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow consumers to acquire raw milk and raw milk products from producers registered with the Department of Health for pet use, if certain conditions are met, including a label indicating that raw milk and raw milk products are not pasteurized and are only intended for consumption by pet animals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Farmers Union United, Naked Cow Dairy, Miss Rodeo Program Hawaii, Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board, and ten individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

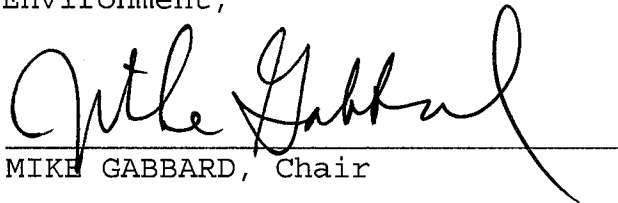
Your Committee finds that legalization of raw milk for consumption by consumers is a growing trend throughout the United States. Thirteen states allow sales of raw milk and, with the exception of Michigan, no state expressly prohibits the sale of raw milk as animal feed. However, your Committee also recognizes the fact that the Department of Health has very serious concerns regarding the safety of raw milk.



Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 162, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 162, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 162	AEN, CPH / WAM	Feb 3, 2017		
<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 <small>2312</small>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl		X		
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
TOTAL	2	1	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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