

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1570

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1559
H.D. 1
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1559, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure the continued viability of the State's sea salt manufacturing industry.

Specifically, the measure appropriates funds for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide guidance and support regarding the Food and Drug Administration's industry guidelines on the use of color additives, as applied to sea salt products cultivated or produced in Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii-made sea salt products are a well-known product both here in Hawaii and around the world. Your Committee also finds that recent guidelines from the Food and Drug Administration regarding red and black Hawaiian sea salts have caused large financial stress on the industry due to the cost of




testing that is required to meet the guidelines. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's assistance will relieve local small businesses from bearing the burden of these costs and allow them to continue to focus on growing their businesses.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has indicated it would require an appropriation of \$150,000 to undertake the duties specified in this measure.

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 H.B. No. 1559, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

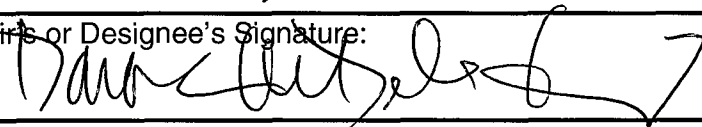


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 1559, HD1, SD1	ETT, WAM	3/31/17
<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)	/	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/	
HARIMOTO, Breene	/	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/	
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/	
RIVIERE, Gil	/	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.		/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/	
WAKAI, Glenn	/	
TOTAL	10	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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