February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2493 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2493 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EPIDEMIOLOGISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect public health and safety by repealing the statute limiting the number of epidemiologist positions that the Department of Health may establish to ten permanent or temporary exempt positions.

The Department of Health testified in support of the measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the cap on the number of epidemiologist positions the Department of Health may establish rather than repealing the entire statute;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2493, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health & Human Services,

JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-ninth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2493	Committee Referra	al: F/N	Date:	-9~18
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HHS Members	A	yes Ayes (V	VR) Na	ys Excused
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2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
4. LEARMONT, Lei R.				
5. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.			<u> </u>	
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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