

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2498
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2498, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

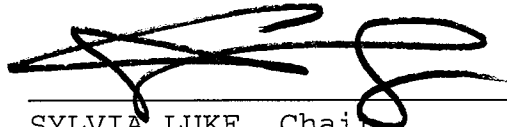
The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a permanent, full-time equivalent Veterinary Medical Officer position in the Department of Health to oversee programs to protect human health through measures to detect, investigate, assess, prevent, control, and eradicate zoonotic diseases that may be transmitted from animals to humans.

Representative of the 5th Representative District supported this measure. The Department of Health provided comments on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2498, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



