

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 9, 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 Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2498 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, eradicate, and treat zoonotic diseases that may be transmitted from animals to humans.

Representative of the 5th Representative District, The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., and an individual submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Health submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2498, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2498, H.D.



1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



