

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1714

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 98  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 98 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY OF EACH  
YEAR AS LIVER AND BILE DUCT CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE  
STATE OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate  
February of each year as Liver and Bile Duct Cancer Awareness  
Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and two  
individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has the highest death rate  
of liver and bile duct cancer in the nation, with 184 new liver  
cancer and bile duct cancer cases diagnosed in Hawaii every year,  
which is a 33 percent higher incidence of liver and bile duct  
cancer than the national statistical norm. Currently, over 1,000  
people in Hawaii are fighting liver cancer and bile duct cancer,  
both of which are almost always fatal.

Your Committee further finds that research indicates that  
liver flukes and aflatoxins may cause liver and bile duct cancer.  
Liver flukes, a type of parasitic flatworm found in freshwater



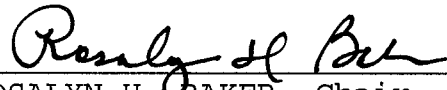
fish, shellfish, cattle, and vegetables grown in fresh water, such as watercress, have been previously found in Hawaii. Aflatoxins are produced by a fungus abundant in warm and humid climates like Hawaii that grows on foods such as rice, grains, and nuts that are stored improperly or for long periods of time.

Your Committee finds that there is little public awareness and education around liver and bile duct cancer and the relationship and risks that Hawaii's local diet and environment present to increasing the risk of contracting these diseases. Raising awareness through a Liver and Bile Duct Cancer Awareness Month may encourage individuals to discuss liver and bile duct cancer risks and prevention with their health care providers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 98, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,




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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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SCR 98	CPH	3/21/18		
<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 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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