

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1121
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.B. No. 1121 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a working group to examine and advise on amendments that can be made to the statutory description of the Department of Health's powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in the Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to support the activities of the working group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that although the Department of Health routinely updates statutes through the Governor's administrative package, among other means, there has not been a holistic look at the span of the Department's statutory powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities for at least ten years. Further updating the statutory description of the Department of Health's powers and duties to describe population-based public health programs and



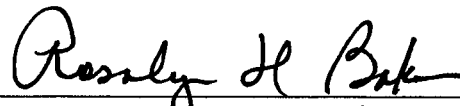
employ multi-sectoral strategies to improve health outcomes would enhance the Department's goal of health equity. Therefore, this measure establishes a working group whose findings will ensure health equity across communities through collaboration between government and non-government sectors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that authorizes the working group to evaluate the health impact assessment tool, including the development of scenarios and criteria for which health impact assessments may be conducted for future policies and projects unrelated to the Department of Health;
- (2) Inserting a definition for "health impact assessment";
- (3) Specifying the composition of the working group, including the chairperson; and
- (4) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1121, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1121, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

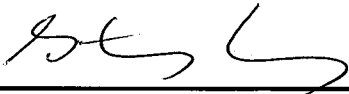


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1121	Committee Referral: CPH, WAM	Date: 2/6/19		
<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)	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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