

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2688

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2098

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2098 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SAFETY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide support to the local sea salt manufacturing industry by helping to fund a study that will assist in obtaining federal Food and Drug Administration approval for the use of color additives in sea salt; provided that the industry contributes fifty percent of the cost of the study.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; H.K. Enterprise Group, Inc.; J's Hawaii Inc.; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Salty Wahine Gourmet Hawaiian Sea Salts; and two individuals.

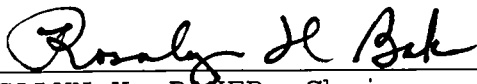
Your Committees find that the popularity of sea salt made in Hawaii is on the rise. Your Committees further find that the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) industry guidance on the use of color additives in sea salt products indicates that sea salt manufacturers who intend to use color additives that are not currently approved for food use should first obtain approval through the FDA's color additive petition process. Based on the



testimony of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, to obtain FDA approval for the use of color additives Hawaii sea salt companies will require a lengthy and costly study to be conducted and submitted to the FDA for review. This measure will facilitate the continued success of Hawaii sea salt companies by appropriating funds to provide education and support regarding the FDA's industry guidance on colored sea salt.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2098 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism and
Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair




GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
EET

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2098	Committee Referral: EET/CPH, WAM	Date: 2/10/2020		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)		✓		
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

