

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3575

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 31 2022**

RE: S.C.R. No. 33  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 33  
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BLOOD BANK OF  
HAWAII TO IMMEDIATELY ADOPT THE FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION'S UPDATED GUIDANCE WHICH SHORTENS OR  
ELIMINATES THE DEFERRAL PERIOD FOR CERTAIN BLOOD DONORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Blood Bank of Hawaii to immediately adopt the Food and Drug  
Administration's updated guidance, which shortens or eliminates  
the deferral period for certain blood donors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Blood Bank of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that due to fears of the coronavirus  
disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, blood bank donations decreased  
substantially in 2021, resulting in an historic blood inventory  
shortage in the State. Your Committee further finds that the  
federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is the government  
agency that determines blood donor eligibility requirements. Due  
to the national shortage of blood donations during the COVID-19  
pandemic, the FDA revised its blood donor eligibility guidance for  
several categories of blood donors, which shortened or eliminated  
completely the deferral period, or the amount of time these donors



must wait before donating blood. However, the Blood Bank of Hawaii has yet to adopt any of the FDA's updated guidance. Therefore, this measure requests the Blood Bank of Hawaii to immediately adopt the FDA's updated guidance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title; and
- (2) 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 Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 33, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 33, S.D. 1.

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



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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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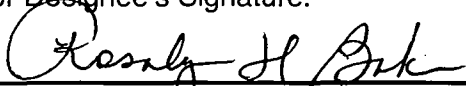
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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