

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3576

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2022

RE: S.R. No. 28
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.R. No. 28
entitled:

"SENATE 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.R. No. 28, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 28, S.D. 1.

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




JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 28	Committee Referral: HTH	Date: 03-23-2022		
<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
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	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