

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

514

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1112  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1112  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIRAL HEPATITIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate  
funds for a Hepatitis Prevention Program within the Department of  
Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health; Hep Free Hawaii; Hawai'i Health &  
Harm Reduction Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee  
received testimony in opposition to this measure from two  
individuals.

Your Committee finds that hepatitis B and C viral infections  
are associated with earlier deaths and higher death rates in the  
State. Your Committee further finds that existing strategies such  
as universal hepatitis screening and immunization; culturally-  
based care coordination; and safe and effective treatments, such  
as the hepatitis C cure, can be used to eliminate hepatitis B and  
C in Hawaii. Your Committee believes that providing funding and  
establishing positions to address hepatitis B and C, as proposed  
by this measure, will allow the State to scale up its existing  
work for the prevention and treatment of hepatitis B and C in

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Hawaii. Your Committee notes that funding the Department of Health's efforts now is important as the current threats to federal public health funding endanger the Department's existing hepatitis elimination efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Hepatitis Prevention Program is for the prevention of hepatitis B and hepatitis C;
- (2) Changing the number of positions to an unspecified number;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$545,000 and the establishment of five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) positions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1112, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1112, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
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GREGG TAKAIAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1112</b>		Committee Referral: <b>HLT, FIN</b>		Date: <b>Feb 7, 2025</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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