

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 21 2025**RE: H.B. No. 1120  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUISANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the Department of Health has the legal authority and obligation to prevent and address nuisances that affect public health or environmental health, or both.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Climate Protector's Hawaii, and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health's responsibility to protect both public and environmental health is essential, especially as climate change increases pressures on resources and communities. Your Committee further finds that it is critical that the Department of Health has the clear legal authority and mandate to act not only in response to direct threats of disease but also when nuisances pose a risk to the public or environmental health of a community. This measure



explicitly authorizes the Department of Health to prevent, abate, destroy, or remove nuisances that are dangerous or injurious to public health or environmental health, or both, to improve the overall health and well-being of the people of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have defined a nuisance to include:
  - (A) Toxic materials that are used in or by-products of the manufacture or conversion of methamphetamine, and clandestine drug labs that manufacture methamphetamine; and
  - (B) Odors and filth resulting from a person feeding feral birds; and
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health and Human  
Services,



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JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

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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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>			

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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