

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2021

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2570

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2570
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require a
warning label for all food products containing aspartame that are
offered for sale or distribution in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Babes Against Biotech and six individuals. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the
Department of Health; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Ajinomoto
North America, Inc.; American Beverage Association; and one
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Calorie Control Council.

Your Committee finds that consuming high levels of the
artificial sweetener, aspartame, has been associated with serious
health ailments, including diabetes, headaches, vision
deficiencies, high blood pressure, heart disease, leukemia,
lymphoma, and tumors. This measure will help individuals make
informed decisions when purchasing food products containing
aspartame.

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 S.B.



No. 2570 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



