

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **375**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 911
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 911 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LATEX,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the use of latex gloves in dental health facilities and health care facilities, by personnel providing ambulance services or emergency medical services pursuant to the state comprehensive emergency medical services system, and in food establishments.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, American Latex Allergy Association, and fifteen individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that latex allergy is a serious concern because it causes reactions ranging from mild rashes to difficulty breathing and deadly anaphylaxis. Approximately 3,000,000 people in the general population of the United States have this allergy. Individuals with this allergy must be vigilant about latex exposure. This measure will help protect Hawaii residents and visitors who suffer from latex allergies.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

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- (1) Inserting findings related to latex allergy in the general population of the United States;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 911, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 911, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce and Consumer
Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 911	Committee Referral: HTH/CPN, WAM	Date: 2/10/15		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
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**

