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

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.R. No. 95 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE ALL ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVES CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM, AND PREPARE A PROGRESS REPORT ON EACH INITIATIVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Health to review and analyze all oral health initiatives currently underway in the State, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Oral Health Disease Prevention Program, and prepare a progress report on each initiative.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and Hawaii Primary Care Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the State needs to improve oral health care, which can result in improved health care and reduced health care costs to the State. The State has begun to leverage a CDC oral health disease prevention program that has provided limited results, including data surveillance, updated data gap assessment, a third grade oral health survey on the use of sealants, establishment of an oral health care advisory group, initial collaboration on other CDC dental initiatives with
community stakeholders, and continued recruitment of a state dental director funded by the CDC grant. While the CDC grant does provide useful assistance to the State's oral health assessment and profile, its limited focus does not provide sufficient funding to adequately assess oral health.

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. 95 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

JOSH GREEN, Chair
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.

If so, then the previous decision was to:

The Recommendation is:

- [ ] Pass, unamended
- [ ] Pass, with amendments
- [ ] Hold
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Recommendation: [ ] Adopted  [ ] Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature]

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