

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2225

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2394

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2394 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require annual influenza vaccinations for hospital health care workers whose work involves contact with patients or contaminated materials; and
- (2) Establish exemptions for influenza vaccination requirements under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawaii Immunization Coalition; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Pacific Health; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Walgreen Co.; Ohana Pacific Management Company, Inc.; Wilcox Memorial Hospital; American Academy of Pediatrics; Straub Clinic & Hospital; Pali Momi Medical Center; Kapi'olani Medical Specialists; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the National Vaccine Information Center; Hawaii Nurses Association, OPEIU Local 50; and sixty-nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

Your Committee finds that as influenza season is associated with high census in hospitals, it is critical for health care

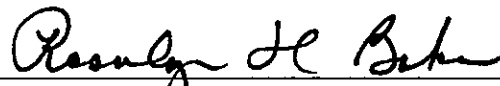


workers in hospitals who have contact with patients or contaminated materials to stay healthy. Vaccination programs help health care personnel carry out their professional duty to provide care to all patients without causing harm through influenza transmission.

Your Committee further finds that since 1981, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that all health care workers receive an annual influenza vaccination. Because health care professionals are looked to for guidance on good health practices, increasing the number of health care personnel in hospitals that receive the influenza vaccine sets a positive example that will encourage the community to proactively protect themselves from the flu.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2394 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB2394	CPH, WAM	2-10-16
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/	
ESPERO, Will	/	
IHARA, Jr., Les		/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/	
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		/
SLOM, Sam		/
TOTAL	4	3
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
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