

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2078

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 14 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 194
S.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 194, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTIONS IN THE USE OF DISPOSABLE SURGICAL EQUIPMENT AND ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOLLOWING EXAMPLES SET BY CALIFORNIA AND JAPAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to encourage reductions in the use of disposable surgical equipment and adoption of sustainable practices in the provision of health care services following examples set by California and Japan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that hospitals and health care facilities generate significant medical waste that often consists of single-use surgical instruments and supplies, which contributes to landfill overflow and environmental pollution. Your Committee further finds that California and Japan have implemented programs that reduce medical waste through the use of reprocessed and

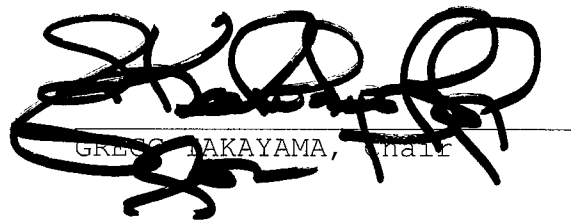
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sterilized surgical instruments. This measure encourages the adoption of similar programs and techniques in the State.

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.C.R. No. 194, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

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



GREG NAKAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 194 SDI		Committee Referral: HLT, EEP		Date: 7-11-25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)		/			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)		/			
3. AMATO, Terez		/			
4. CHUN, Cory M.		/			
5. MARTEN, Lisa		/			
6. OLDS, Ikaika		/			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna					/
8. ALCOS III, David		/			
9. GARCIA, Diamond					/
TOTAL (9)		7	-	-	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 					
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