

**HB-2515-SD-1**

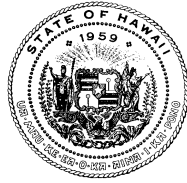
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Comments:

Our Dept of health should be dismantled and Replaced they have Fail the people of Hawaii during this COVID deal . They should all be put in Prison For Crimes against Humanity. This is Coming!!



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2515 HD2 SD1  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: 4/7/2022

Room Number: CR 211 and Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may affect the priorities in the Governor's State Budget  
2 Request.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports this measure to establish  
4 and operate a laboratory capable of testing for diseases and air and water quality issues and other  
5 high complexity testing. A laboratory with this capability will enhance the DOH's ability to  
6 protect public health and the environment.

7 **Offered Amendments:** SECTION 2: There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the  
8 State of Hawaii the sum of \$14,000,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal  
9 year 2022-2024 for the department of health to establish and operate a testing laboratory  
10 pursuant to this Act.

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12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Subject: House Bill 2515, HD2, SD1: Relating to the Department of Health

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports House Bill (HB) 2515, House Draft (HD) 2, Senate Draft (SD) 1.

This bill directs the Department of Health (DOH) to establish and operate a laboratory capable of, among other things, high-complexity water quality testing. This testing capability should be placed within the DOH organization to support its regulatory authority to protect human health and the environment. DOH can ensure that the laboratory is capable of achieving the highest level of accreditation, detecting the lowest levels of constituents of concern, and servicing the demand of the community both in terms of volume and turnaround time.

Thank you for opportunity to testify in support of HB2515, HD2, SD1.

Very truly yours,

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2515, H.D. 2, S.D. 1

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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 2515, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, amends Chapter 321, HRS, to add a new section to require the Department of Health (DOH) to establish and operate a laboratory capable of testing for diseases and air and water quality issues, and other high complexity testing; and appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 23 to DOH to establish and operate the testing laboratory.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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**Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,**

The Young Democrats of Hawai'i (YDHI) **supports HB2515 HD2 SD1**.

YDHI is a caucus under the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Our mission is to increase the political strength of our members by providing opportunities for civic engagement, political advocacy, and participation in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

**HB2515 HD2 SD1** appropriates funding to the DOH in order to establish and operate a laboratory capable of disease testing, air and water quality testing, and other high complexity testing. As observed in the COVID-19 pandemic and the Red Hill Water Crisis, on-island laboratories were incapable of processing necessary testing which required delays in results for COVID-19 tests and water quality tests respectively. Establishing a facility to directly address these deficiencies would equip the DOH, and subsidiary agencies and entities, to best serve the people of Hawai'i through providing top-tier and quality care. The suggestion by the DOH to improve their already existing building in Pearl City, O'ahu also shows their eagerness to support the people of Hawai'i and provide this necessary laboratory to our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill, and we urge you to **pass HB2515 HD2 SD1** to continue improving Hawai'i's healthcare capabilities.

Sincerely,  
The Young Democrats of Hawai'i