

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

349

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2013

RE: S.B. No. 637

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 637  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require a  
product warning label on all food products containing aspartame  
that are offered for sale or distribution in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii  
Food Industry Association, Hawaii Restaurant Association, and one  
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from  
the American Beverage Association, Calorie Control Council, and  
International Food Information Council.

Your Committee finds that the artificial sweetener aspartame  
has been the subject of several controversies since the United  
States Food and Drug Administration first approved it in 1981.  
This measure addresses this issue by requiring a product warning  
label for aspartame on all food products offered for sale or  
distribution 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 637  
and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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



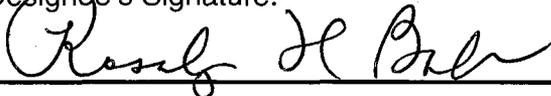
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 637</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, CPN</b>	Date: <b>02/11/2013</b>		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)		✓		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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