

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

762

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 521

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 521 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RAW MILK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize and decriminalize the sale of raw milk and raw milk products directly to consumers for human consumption, subject to certain conditions; and
- (2) Authorize the sale of raw goat milk for pet consumption, subject to certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Pet Depot, Weston A. Price Foundation, and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that raw milk is milk that has not undergone the process of pasteurization, which is the process by which milk is mildly heated to destroy pathogens. Your Committee further finds that there is a consumer demand for raw milk due to its taste and health benefits. However, under existing administrative rules, milk is only available to the public if it

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has undergone the process of pasteurization. Your Committee notes that goat milk is similarly prohibited unless it has undergone the process of pasteurization. This measure is intended to provide consumers and their pets with more milk beverage choices.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 521 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 521	<b>Committee Referral:</b> CPC, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 02-16-23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia	/			
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega	/			
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.			/	
10. TAM, Adrian K.		/		
11. PIERICK, Elijah	/			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	9	1	1	
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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