

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1867-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 , 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 128
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 128, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES TESTING GRANT PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to establish a PFAS Testing Grant Program in collaboration with the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and one individual.

Your Committee finds that perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are toxic to humans, linked to serious health conditions, and remain in the environment for long periods once introduced. Your Committee further finds that testing and sampling for PFAS are essential in protecting public health. This measure requests the Department of Health to establish a PFAS Testing Grant Program in collaboration with the University of Hawaii to assist local communities, businesses, and residents in

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obtaining testing services and biological sampling for PFAS detection.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 128, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 128, SD1	Committee Referral: EEP, HET	Date: 4-11-2024		
<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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				✓
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
7. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (7)	4			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>Elle Cochran</i>				
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