

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: S.B. No. 3137
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred S.B. No. 3137, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S
AUTHORITY TO REGULATE FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the safety of food,
drugs, and cosmetics, and facilitate the development of food and
related goods made and sold in the State, by removing duplicative
food-related statutory material and consolidating the Department
of Health's authority to regulate the manufacture, sale, holding
for sale, and distribution of food under chapter 328, Hawaii
Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition;
and Hawai'i Food+ Policy.

Your Committee finds that food-related statutory provisions
are currently dispersed across multiple chapters of the Hawaii
Revised Statutes, resulting in duplication and potential confusion
regarding regulatory authority and enforcement. Your Committee
further finds that consolidating food-related provisions under
chapter 328, Hawaii Revised Statutes, clarifies the Department of



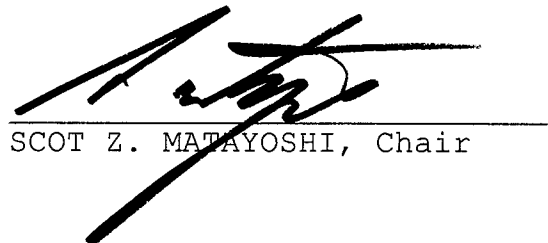
Health's authority to issue permits, conduct inspections, assess fees, and take enforcement actions. This measure streamlines and aligns these provisions to promote regulatory efficiency, consistency, and public health protection.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that any unexpended or unencumbered balance in the Sanitation and Environmental Health Special Fund shall be transferred as of the close of business on June 30, 2027, to the Food Safety and Environmental Health Special Fund established under this measure;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion, except for the repeal of the Sanitation and Environmental Health Special Fund; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 3137, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3137, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



