

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3039

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3132
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3132, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require hospitals with emergency departments that are licensed in the State to submit syndromic surveillance data to the Department of Health; and
- (2) Authorize the Department of Health to establish by administrative rules a syndromic surveillance system under state jurisdiction that is independent of federal systems.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State Health Planning and Development Agency, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, The Pew Charitable Trusts, and Hawai'i Pacific Health.

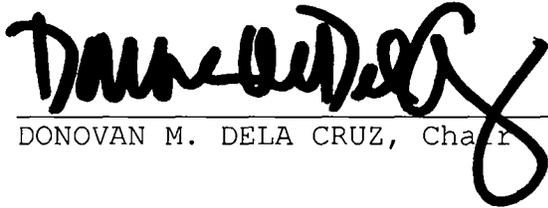
Your Committees find that the recent 2023 Maui wildfires, COVID-19 pandemic, and volcanic eruptions have demonstrated the value of syndromic surveillance data to the State's public health responses. Syndromic surveillance data is health-related information that is routinely collected in near real-time in



health care settings that focuses on symptoms and syndromes, facilitating rapid detection of and response to public health threats. While the Department of Health currently relies on a federally administered syndromic surveillance system, participation in that program is voluntary and gaps in data in rural areas limit the State's ability to tailor analyses to local needs and disparities. This measure strengthens the State's public health readiness and fortifies its public health monitoring capacity against potential disruptions at the federal level.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3132, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,


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