

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 386

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 386 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DANGEROUS DRUGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to conform fentanyl to the possession offense thresholds for methamphetamine, heroin, morphine, and cocaine.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that in recent years, fentanyl has emerged as a serious public health threat and law enforcement challenge. In 2022, synthetic opioids, primarily illicit fentanyl, represented more than two-thirds of drug overdose deaths nationwide. The State has not been immune to this threat as there have been incidents throughout the State, including: the seizure of enough fentanyl in Hawaii County in 2024 to kill one-fifth of the State's population; the conviction of a Maui person for selling fentanyl-laced pills that caused an overdose death; and first responders being dispatched to Thomas Square on Oahu five times in one month for reported fentanyl overdoses. This measure conforms the criminal penalties for possession of fentanyl to that

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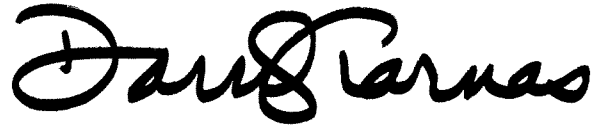


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of other common street drugs, such as methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 386 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="text-align: center;">HB 386</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center;">JHA</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center;">02/07/2025</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> </div>				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris	✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> committee acronym(s) </div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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