Honolulu, Hawaii

Felg , 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2401 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2401 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the health and safety of all patients by:

- (1) Prohibiting medical health insurers from excluding coverage for injuries sustained by insured persons as a result of intoxication from alcohol or narcotics; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to establish a pilot "Screening, Briefing, Intervention, Referral, and Treatment" program in Hawaii.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. Kaiser Permanente supported the intent of this measure. The American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus offered comments.

Your Committee notes that a concern was raised regarding why health insurance coverage can be obtained for a person who was driving while under the influence, but cannot be obtained if a person shows up at the workplace under the influence. Your Committee accordingly notes that the Committee on Labor & Public Employment may need to review the provisions of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Designating the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine as the expending agency for the appropriated funds; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2401, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2401, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.:		Date:	106/06		
Committee Referral: HLT, CPC, FIN		☐ The committee is reconsidering its			
HLI	previou	previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to:	Pa	Pass, with amendments			
□ Hold □ Recommit					
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	(C)				
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)					
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.					
4. HALE, Heléne H.					
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y	•				
6. SONSON, Alex M.					
7. HALFORD, Chris					
TOTAL		4			3
The recommendation is:	Adopted				
	☐ Not Adopted				
	If joint referral,		did not suppo	ort recommendation.	
committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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