

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 720

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 367

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 367  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that referrals to appropriate alcohol and drug abuse screening and counseling are offered to patients in primary care or emergency room settings when they are suspected by physicians to be at risk for, or diagnosed with, alcohol or other substance use disorders.

More specifically, the bill:

- (1) Requires physicians to offer a screening and counseling referral to patients suspected of alcohol or drug abuse;
- (2) Directs the University of Hawaii to develop and implement a pilot program at a medical facility for screening, brief intervention, and referral to substance abuse treatment; and
- (3) Appropriates funds to implement the pilot program.

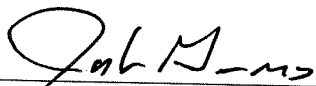
The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and a private citizen submitted testimony in support of the bill. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor supported the intent of the bill.



Your Committee finds that medical personnel in emergency rooms and trauma centers have successfully implemented similar programs in other states. Your Committee further finds that this evidence-based, cost effective approach to substance abuse treatment has shown dramatic reductions in alcohol and other drug use among patients receiving services.

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. 367 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 367		Date: 2 - 13 - 07		
Committee Referral: HLT, FIN		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	✓			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
6. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	✓			
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL	10			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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