

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2474  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to  
which was referred S.B. No. 2474 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR VIOLATIONS  
INVOLVING MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage minors to call  
for help in the event of an alcohol-related medical emergency by:

- (1) Providing, under certain conditions, immunity from prosecution to the minor for the consumption, purchase, or possession of liquor, if the minor summons medical treatment for another minor who requires the treatment as a result of consuming liquor; and
- (2) Providing similar immunity, under certain conditions, to the minor who required the medical treatment and one or two other minors acting in concert with the minor summoning medical treatment.

Your Committee finds that minors faced with a medical emergency as a result of excess drinking of alcohol often hesitate to call for help because of the fear of facing legal charges related to alcohol possession and use by a minor. Providing immunity under these limited circumstances has proven to be an effective means of saving lives by encouraging young people to call for help. Your Committee finds that although underage




drinking is a continuing problem, it is important for minors to have this immunity to help save lives in our community.

Your Committee has made technical, nonsubstantive stylistic changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2474, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2474, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Government Operations,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations**  
**JGO**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2474</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS/HTH, JGO</b>	Date: <b>2/23/10</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)				✓
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">             Clarence K. Nishihara           </div>				
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