

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2461

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2820

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2820 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the duties of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances to allow the Commission to focus on addressing the issue of substance abuse as a public health issue.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, and one individual. Testimony in opposition was received from the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure will more closely align the duties of the Commission with the core functions of public health, including assessment, policy development, and the assurance of appropriate public health services.

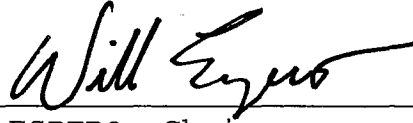
Your Committee expressed concern that, as a result of this measure, the Commission may not have the ability to advise the Department of Public Safety regarding controlled substances. However, testimony indicated that the Commission has not advised the Department of Public Safety for many years. It appears that the scheduling of controlled substances is largely a matter of federal law with rare exceptions for local circumstance. Nonetheless, your Committee prefers that there be open



communication and dialogue between the Commission and the Narcotics Enforcement Division when appropriate.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2820 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2820	Committee Referral: HTH, PGM	Date: 2-21-12		
<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;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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