

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2015

RE: S.B. No. 197

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 197 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit certain state and county employees and officers who are authorized to carry firearms from carrying a firearm while consuming alcohol or within an unspecified number of hours of consuming alcohol;
- (2) Prohibit certain state and county employees and officers who are authorized to carry firearms from carrying a firearm after ingesting prescription medications that would impair the judgment or physical response of the employee or officer while carrying a firearm; and
- (3) Create an exemption for certain state and county employees who are taking part in an official criminal surveillance or undercover operation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Rifle Association and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the consumption of alcohol or certain prescription medications can impair the judgment and

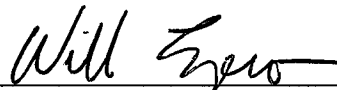


physical response of state or county employees and officers who are authorized to carry a firearm, thereby decreasing public safety. However, there are occasions where state or county employees and officers may be compelled to consume small amounts of alcohol or drugs in the course of obtaining intelligence or evidence. Implementation of this measure will increase public safety by establishing a high standard regarding the consumption of alcohol and certain prescription medications by select state and county employees and officers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 197, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 197, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



---

WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 197</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, JDL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-2-15</div>		
<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	—	1
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="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">Rosalyn H. Baker</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes