



HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

SB807 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair; Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chair

- Monday, March 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
- Conference Room 211

HSAC Supports SB807 SD1:

Good Morning Chair Tokuda; Vice Chair Kouchi; And Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson, Chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, an organization of more than thirty treatment and prevention agencies across the State.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition supports establishment of the narcotics advisory committee to recommend acceptable topics and curriculum for the continuing medical education program. Establishes requirements for a mandatory continuing medical education program for prescribing practitioners that prescribe narcotic drugs.

The Narcotic Policy Work Group reviewed the research and prepared the recommendations for this bill.

The Narcotic Policy Work Group, led by Dr. Miscovitch and Senator Green, is comprised of:

- numerous physicians, including pain specialists
- medical representatives from the hospitals,
- representative from Public Safety,
- representative from Department of Health,
- Judge Alm,
- pharmacists,
- VA,
- representative from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition,
- representatives from HMSA,
- representative from Kaiser,
- representative from hospice,
- representative from Hawaii Medical Association,

Working together, we can improve outcomes and reduce costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify and are available for questions.

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