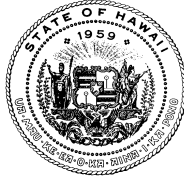


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB2253
RELATING OR HEALTH**

REPRESENTATIVE BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS

February 2, 2024 8:30 AM Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined

2 **Department Position:** The Department provides comments on this measure.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) provides the
4 following testimony on behalf of the Department.

5 The measure requires law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty and
6 are authorized to administer an opioid antagonist to an individual experiencing an opioid-related
7 drug overdose. The bill requires the department to establish education and training on drug
8 overdose response and treatment for law enforcement and tasks the department to require all
9 restaurants and hotel establishments in the state to maintain an available inventory of naloxone to
10 respond to an emergency.

11 The department already does education and training on drug overdose response. The ADAD
12 currently partners with the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (Hawaii HIDTA) to
13 implement a current overdose grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) which provides
14 trainings on how to use naloxone. This training is still available to law enforcement by request.

15 While the department supports law enforcement to continue to use naloxone to save lives,
16 requiring them to carry naloxone in Section 1 is a matter to be decided by each law enforcement
17 agency.

1 For Section 2, the mandate to require all restaurants and hotels to maintain a naloxone inventory
2 means the department has to also enforce this inventory. The department requires a significant
3 amount of training, lead time, coordination and possibly additional resources if this bill becomes
4 law to implement the mandate. The department already permits, inspects and does enforcement
5 for over 10,000 food establishments state-wide, and does food safety trainings. While the
6 department can support Section 2, there are two considerations:

7 First, this mandate may create a need to communicate more closely with the county liquor
8 commissions, particularly for the City & County of Honolulu (City), which as of January 1, 2024
9 requires its 850 businesses with liquor licenses to have naloxone. Capacity and enforcement are
10 an issue if the department also has to enforce naloxone inventory along with the City liquor
11 commission.

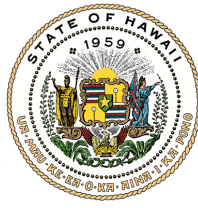
12 Secondly, the bill also does not address who pays for the naloxone. So we propose an
13 amendment to make it more consistent with the City's ordinance relating to naloxone.

14 **Offered Amendments:** Page 3, lines 7-9 are amended to read:

15 "(a) The department shall require all restaurants and hotel
16 establishments to purchase and maintain an available inventory
17 of a minimum of two doses of naloxone on their premises to
18 respond to an emergency situation."

19 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2253

RELATING TO HEALTH

Before the House Committee on Health and Homelessness

Friday, February 2, 2024; 8:30 a.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 329, Via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) **supports** House Bill (HB) 2253.

The bill proposes to: 1) Require law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty, 2) Authorize law enforcement officers to administer an opioid antagonist, 3) Establish immunity for law enforcement officers who administer an opioid antagonist during an opioid-related drug overdose, 4) Require the Department of Health to establish education and training for law enforcement personnel, and 5) Require the Department of Health to require that all restaurants and hotel establishments maintain an inventory of naloxone.

The DLE requests that an amendment be made to Section 1, page 2, lines 6-9:

§ -2 Opioid antagonist; law enforcement officers. (a) Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary, all law enforcement officers shall carry an opioid antagonist while on duty.

The DLE recommends that this be amended to:

§ -2 Opioid antagonist; law enforcement officers. (a) Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary, all law enforcement officers shall ~~carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty~~ have an opioid antagonist accessible while on duty.

The DLE requests this amendment because under the current wording in the bill, every law enforcement officer would have to carry an opioid antagonist on duty. However, plainclothes, and especially undercover officers may not be able to carry an opioid antagonist on duty because of their covert assignments. Moreover, law enforcement agencies may incur additional expenses because they would have to purchase pouches to carry the opioid antagonists required to be carried if HB 2253 were to pass into law. These concerns are reduced if the opioid antagonists could be kept accessible while on duty, like the accessibility of these drugs practiced by EMS agencies and fire departments where they are kept aboard ambulances or fire trucks.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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February 2, 2024

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
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Committee on Health and Homelessness
House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Belatti and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2253, Relating to Health

I am Donn Manzano, Acting Captain of the Training Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of House Bill No. 2253, Relating to Health, and submits the following comments and recommendations for your consideration.

The HPD recognizes the importance of a quick response to individuals who may be suffering from an opioid overdose and the importance of immediate, life-saving measures in such situations.

However, the HPD has concerns regarding the language of the bill, specifically, that all on-duty law enforcement officers shall carry an opioid antagonist. There are instances in which such a requirement may compromise specific law enforcement actions, such as undercover work.

Further, there are several logistical concerns regarding the procurement rules, purchasing timelines, and budgeting for purchases to cover the 2,000 authorized sworn officer positions within the HPD. The language of the bill definitively states that the law

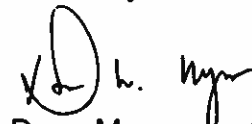
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enforcement officers shall carry an opioid antagonist and any issue delaying the above would result in HPD personnel violating this law by no fault or action of their own.

The HPD would recommend that the language of the bill be amended to state that "all law enforcement officers shall have readily available access to an opioid antagonist while on duty," in place of carrying an opioid antagonist while on duty. This would provide the opportunity for officers to have access to life-saving measures while balancing logistical issues that may arise from the realities of obtaining such items in massive quantities, as well as allowing sensitive law enforcement operations described above to effectively occur.

The HPD appreciates the committee's consideration of our comments regarding House Bill No. 2253, Relating to Health, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Donn Manzano, Acting Captain
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APPROVED:



Arthur J. Logan
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HB2253 Law Enforcement and Restaurants administer Naloxone

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HOMELESSNESS

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Friday, Feb 2, 2024: 8:30: Room 329 Videoconference

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Supports HB1778:

ALOHA CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization for substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment and prevention agencies and recovery-oriented services.

A great way to reduce opioid related overdose is for law enforcement to carry opioid antagonist and be able to use with immunity. They are a key part of first responders to community emergency calls.

Restaurants and hotels, especially alcohol serving places, should have opioid antagonists on hand for emergencies. It can save lives. Moreover, it is good for tourists to know they can receive immediate lifesaving care.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.



To: Committee on Health and Homelessness

Hearing Date/Time: Friday February 2 8:30 AM

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 2253

From: Heather Lusk, Executive Director at Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center

Dear Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi and members of the committee

The Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) **supports HB 2253** which would help save lives by supporting law enforcement and restaurants and hotels to have naloxone to respond to opioid-related overdoses. Naloxone is a very safe medication to prevent opioid overdose deaths and having more access will save lives.

HHHRC's mission is to *reduce harm, promote health, create wellness and fight stigma in Hawaii and the Pacific*. We focus our efforts on those disproportionately affected by social determinants of health, including but not limited to: people living with and/or affected by HIV, hepatitis, substance use, and the transgender, LGBTQ and the Native Hawaiian communities.

HHHRC has been at the forefront of the opioid overdose epidemic and is a founding partner of the Hawaii Opioid Initiative. HHHRC has distributed over 50,000 doses of naloxone statewide and provided training to thousands across the islands. Recently, a Zippy's employee saved a life in Honolulu by recognizing the signs of overdose and successfully administering naloxone.

HHHRC is willing and able to support this effort with training and technical assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Heather Lusk, Executive Director, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center

HB-2253

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:44:52 AM

Testimony for HLT on 2/2/2024 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would support this bill if the Legislature provide the funding to support this "low hanging fruit" proposal.

Not sure why a "law" is needed given the fact that Police Departments already carry this tool that's funded by the respective Counties.