

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 05**, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 816  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 816, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize emergency medical technicians to administer buprenorphine after the administration of an opioid antagonist during an opioid overdose response; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health to adopt rules that incorporate standard protocols associated with opioid-related drug overdoses and buprenorphine administration, allocate resources for emergency medical technician training, and coordinate with emergency medical services providers regarding buprenorphine administration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 816, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



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CHRIS TODD, Chair



