

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2765

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2349  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 2349, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE  
PERSONNEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend assault and  
terroristic threatening protections to emergency room health care  
personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Medical Association, Kaiser Permanente, the Hawaii  
Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 125, AFL-CIO, the  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and two individuals. Written  
testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the  
Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that emergency medical workers serve an  
indispensable public need but face a high level of risk in the  
line of duty. The Legislature previously acknowledged these  
heightened risks by passing Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007,  
which increased penalties for terroristic threatening and second  
degree assault against mobile intensive care technicians and  
emergency medical technicians.

Your Committee finds that this measure extends protection  
from terroristic threatening and second degree assault to other



emergency room personnel, including physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, or nurse practitioners who provide medical services in the emergency room of a hospital.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making it effective upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2349, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2349, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

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

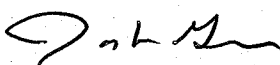
  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB2349, HDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, J60</b>	Date: <b>3/15/10</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"></div>				
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