

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2013

RE: S.R. No. 87

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.R. No. 87 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON STATES WITH GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS AND THEIR IMPACT ON DECREASING DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Health and the John A. Burns School of Medicine to conduct a study on states with Good Samaritan laws and their impact on decreasing drug overdose deaths.

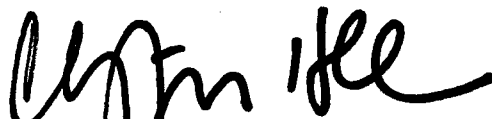
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Community Alliance on Prisons, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that many people who experience a drug overdose, or who witness a friend experiencing a drug overdose, delay seeking medical assistance out of fear of prosecution. This delay often can result in serious negative medical outcomes or death for the person experiencing the overdose. Your Committee further finds that medical amnesty is a life-saving policy that immunizes persons seeking medical assistance from criminal liability in order to ensure that medical attention is immediately sought for anyone experiencing a drug overdose. Moreover, medical amnesty makes medical safety paramount in situations where someone is experiencing an overdose and promotes a policy that is beneficial to people of the State.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 87 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 87</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH / HRE, JDL</b>	Date: <b>4/10/13</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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