

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 982
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 982, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL AMNESTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve outcomes from overdoses and drug poisoning episodes by encouraging those affected by an overdose, and witnesses who might otherwise hesitate to act, to call for medical assistance by providing limited immunity from liquor, controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Department of Health, a Council Member from the Maui County Council, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Big Island Chapter of Americans for Safe Access, the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, the Drug Policy Action Group, Hawaii Medical Association, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 982, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 982, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



