

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2962

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2631
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2631, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enhance the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, also known as the Hawaii Prescription Drug Monitoring Program or PDMP, to inform practitioners of the percentile ranking of their opiate prescription practices in relation to their peers by requiring the Narcotics Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety to:

- (1) Annually determine, through the PDMP, the mean and median quantity and volume of prescriptions for opiates that are Schedule II and III controlled substances within categories of practitioners of a similar specialty or practice type;
- (2) Work in conjunction with the respective licensure boards to annually determine each practitioner's Schedule II and III opiate prescribing quantity and volume and standing in relation to others within the same specialty



or practice type and notify practitioners who exceed the relevant mean and median; and

- (3) Coordinate with the respective licensure boards to make resources available to practitioners regarding ways to change prescribing practices and incorporate alternative pain management options into practices.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Public Safety.

Your Committee finds that opioid addiction and abuse are a growing problem that threatens the health and well-being of the public. Opioid addiction and abuse can have serious consequences, including death, and should therefore be confronted employing every available tool at the State's disposal. Your Committee finds that one way to combat the growing opioid crisis is to increase practitioner's awareness of their rates of opioid prescribing within the PDMP. Informing practitioners of their opioid prescription habits and how those habits compare to those of their peers will provide practitioners with insights into their own practices and help practitioners ensure that they are making the best possible choices for patients.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2021; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2631, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2631, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2631, HD1	Committee Referral: PSM, CPH	Date: 3/13/18		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes