

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2392
S.D. 2
H.D. 3
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2392, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to promote the responsible use of opioid antagonists to treat drug overdoses by, among other things:

- (1) Providing immunity for health care professionals and pharmacists who prescribe, dispense, or distribute, and any persons who administer, an opioid antagonist such as naloxone hydrochloride to persons experiencing or at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose;
- (2) Beginning on January 1, 2017, authorizing emergency personnel and first responders to administer opioid



antagonists to a person believed to be suffering from opioid-related drug overdose;

- (3) Requiring Medicaid coverage for opioid antagonists;
- (4) Allowing harm reduction organizations to store and distribute opioid antagonists under certain circumstances; and
- (5) Requiring the Department of Health to provide education and training related to opioid-related drug overdose prevention, recognition, and response, including opioid antagonist administration.

Your Committee on Conference finds that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overdoses involving prescription painkillers are at epidemic levels. However, deaths caused by opioids are often preventable via timely administration of an opioid antagonist. As a result, over half of the states in the country have enacted some form of a 911 drug immunity law or have implemented a law or developed a pilot program to allow administration of medication, like naloxone hydrochloride, to reverse the effects of an opioid-related overdose. Studies have found that providing opioid overdose training and naloxone kits can help people identify signs of an opioid-related drug overdose and can help reduce opioid-related overdose mortality.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Health to monitor adverse drug reaction to opioid antagonist use by requiring hospital emergency departments to report to the Department all adverse drug reactions occurring after administration of an opioid antagonist; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2392, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2392, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1.



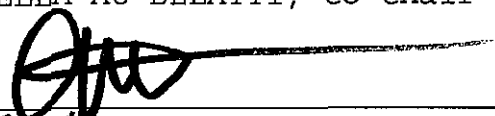
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of the managers:

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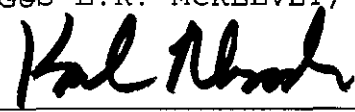
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


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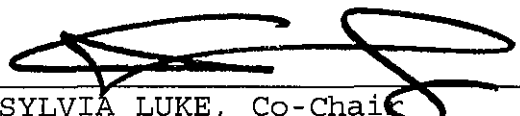

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Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 2392, SD 2, HD 3 Date/Time: 4/25/16 10:10AM

The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD). The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision. The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure. The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.

Table with columns for Senate Managers and House Managers, and sub-columns for A, WR, N, E. Includes names like BAKER, Rosalyn H., Chr. and BELATTI, Della Au, Co-Chr. with checkmarks in the A and E columns.

A = Aye WR = Aye with Reservations N = Nay E = Excused

Senate Recommendation is: [X] Adopted [] Not Adopted House Recommendation is: [X] Adopted [] Not Adopted

Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature] House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: [Signature]

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