

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

9-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

July 30, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2125

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2125 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assess and treat individuals for substance abuse as part of being sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Specifically, this bill:

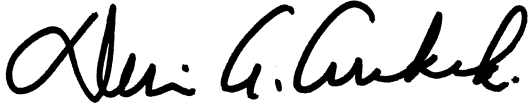
- (1) Requires that the assessment be conducted by a person certified by the Department of Health (DOH); and
- (2) Requires the Attorney General to report to the 2008, 2009, and 2010 legislatures regarding the relationship between the recidivism rate and substance abuse treatment.

The Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii supported this bill. The Department of Public Safety and DOH supported the intent of the measure. The Department of the Attorney General and Office of the Public Defender supported the bill with amendments.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety & Military Affairs and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2125 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety &
Military Affairs and Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



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