

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2213

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2213 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENTS FOR UNINSURED STUDENTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote the health and safety of students by enhancing the Department of Education's (DOE) zero tolerance policy regarding students who possess, sell, consume, or use intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs while attending school or prior to attending department-supervised activities held on or off school property.

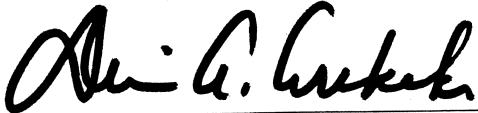
Specifically, this bill appropriates funds to establish an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance abuse assessments for students who are found to be in violation of the DOE's zero tolerance policy.

DOE, Hina Mauka, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health supported the intent of this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2213 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 Education and
Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



