

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2401
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2401, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the health and safety of all patients by:

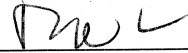
- (1) Prohibiting medical health insurers from excluding coverage for injuries sustained by insured persons as a result of intoxication from alcohol or narcotics; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to establish a pilot "Screening, Briefing, Intervention, Referral, and Treatment" program in Hawaii.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Human Services, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health and University of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Medical Service Association and American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus offered comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2401, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



