

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2364
S.D. 2
H.D. 3

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, 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 facilitate treatment for persons with alcohol and substance abuse problems by:

- (1) Requiring health insurers to provide coverage for injuries sustained by insured persons as a result of being under the influence of alcohol or narcotics; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to establish the Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment program in the State of Hawaii.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Health, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers-Hawaii, American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, and a concerned individual supported this bill. A concerned individual supported this measure with amendments. The American Council of Life Insurers opposed this bill. The University of Hawaii provided comments.




Your Committee notes the request by the American Council of Life Insurers to exempt disability insurance from the provisions of this measure. Additionally, your Committee acknowledges the willingness of the Insurance Commissioner to work further with the interested parties on this issue.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to \$2 to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2364, S.D. 2, H.D. 3.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



