

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2364, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit health insurers from denying coverage of a patient's injury that is attributable to the patient's use of intoxicants or narcotics.

Furthermore, this measure establishes a pilot program for screening, brief intervention, referral, and substance abuse treatment at hospital emergency rooms.

Your Committee finds that this two-pronged approach to combating alcohol and substance abuse will enable victims to be covered for medical services while receiving rehabilitative services to treat their addictions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount for the purpose of continuing discussion, and by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of style and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2364, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass



Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2364,  
S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the  
Committee on Ways and Means  
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2364 SD1	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/24/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	10	0	0	5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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