

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 25, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2023

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2023 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve and expand treatment options for people addicted to crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as "ice", by establishing a crystal methamphetamine treatment pilot study at the Hina Mauka treatment and rehabilitation facility in consultation with the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to examine the effectiveness of the drug Vivitrol as a treatment option for "ice" addiction.

Hina Mauka supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that recent events, including the murder of a one-year old toddler by a person reported to be allegedly high on "ice" have provided strong evidence of the horrible effects this drug is having on our society. Every effort must be made to combat this epidemic in drug abuse and the violence it elicits. A two-year pilot program in a controlled environment such as Hina Mauka in cooperation with JABSOM to design and prepare medical policies and procedures to form an effective treatment strategy using the drug Vivitrol is one step the Legislature can take in fighting "ice" and helping the people addicted to it.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2023 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2023		Committee Referral: HLT, HED, FIN		Date: 1-23-08	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)		/			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)		/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani		/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au		/			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III		/			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.		/			
7. RHOADS, Karl		/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.					/
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.		/			
TOTAL (10)		9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>John M. Wilson</i>					
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