

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

512

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1481  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1481  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERVENTION FOR SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a pilot program  
for screening, brief intervention, and referral to substance abuse  
treatment.

The Lieutenant Governor, the Department of Health, Mothers  
Against Drunk Driving, the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and  
one individual submitted testimony in support of this measure.  
The University of Hawai'i System submitted testimony in support of  
the intent of this measure, provided that its passage does not  
replace or adversely impact priorities of the University as  
expressed in its Board of Regents-approved Executive Biennium  
Budget.

Your Committee finds that medical personnel, particularly in  
emergency rooms and trauma centers, regularly encounter patients  
who have sustained injuries, loss, or trauma resulting from the  
use of alcohol or other drugs. This initial point of contact in a  
medical setting is a recognized window of opportunity where  
patients are most vulnerable and open to intervention and dialogue  
that address their underlying alcohol or illegal drug issues.



This measure will help capitalize on this "teachable moment" in medical settings by offering screening, brief intervention, education, and, if necessary, referrals to appropriate care or treatment for individuals at risk for, or diagnosed with, alcohol and other substance use disorders.

It is your Committee's intent to establish a pilot program for screening, brief intervention, and referral to substance abuse treatment. Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating an unspecified sum instead of \$1,333,513; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 1481, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1481, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1481	HTH, WAM	2/14/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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