

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2349
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2349 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand the class of emergency services providers protected against assault and terroristic threatening by including physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, and nurse practitioners providing medical services in an emergency room of a hospital.

Hawaii Medical Association, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Government Employees' Association, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Office of the Public Defender provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 21, 2058, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2349, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2349, H.D. 1.



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



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



