

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2474
S.D. 1
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2474, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR VIOLATIONS INVOLVING MINORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the chances of medical assistance being summoned to help an underage person when the person has become seriously ill from consuming liquor by:

- (1) Providing immunity from prosecution for consumption of intoxicating liquor by a minor if the minor summons medical treatment for another minor who requires such treatment as a result of consuming liquor; and
- (2) Specifying that immunity will apply to the intoxicated minor and one or two other minors assisting the summoning minor.

A concerned individual supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making discretionary, rather than mandatory, the immunity to one or two other minors assisting the summoning minor. This will allow greater discretion on the part of law enforcement officials when reacting to the circumstances of the event.

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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 S.B. No. 2474, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2474, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



RYAN L. YAMANE, Chair



