

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2474

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2474 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage minors to call for help in the event of an alcohol related medical emergency by:

- (1) Providing, under certain conditions, immunity from prosecution to a minor for the consumption, purchase, or possession of liquor, if the minor summons medical treatment for another minor who requires the treatment as a result of consuming liquor; and
- (2) Providing similar immunity, under certain conditions, to the minor who required the medical treatment and one or two other minors acting in concert with the minor summoning medical treatment.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Written testimony presented to the Committees may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committees recognize that minors faced with a medical emergency as a result of excess drinking often hesitate to call for help because of the fear of facing legal charges related to alcohol possession and use. Providing immunity under these



limited circumstances has proven to be an effective means of saving lives by encouraging young people to call for help.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2474 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

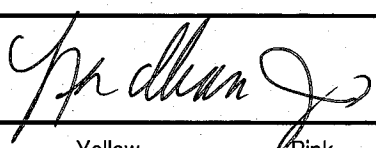


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2474	Committee Referral: HMS/HTH, J60	Date: 2/9/10		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

