

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2564  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2564 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOLUNTEER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to add pharmacists to the list of volunteer medical assistance personnel who are granted immunity from liability for acts undertaken on behalf of and authorized by the State or a county, except in cases of wilful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, or reckless misconduct.

The Department of Health, The Queen's Health Systems, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding pharmacists to the list of volunteer emergency medical disaster response personnel who are granted immunity under section 321-23.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from liability for acts undertaken in emergency response to a mass casualty event or disaster condition, except in cases of wilful misconduct;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2564, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2564, H.D. 1.

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

  
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GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



