

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2826
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2826, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide
pharmacists with immunity from liability while performing
volunteer medical assistance services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, The Queen's Health Systems, and one
private individual.

Your Committee finds that medically licensed volunteer
workers who perform volunteer medical assistance services within
the scope of their license are indemnified under state law when
responding to an emergency and during non-emergency situations,
such as school-based immunization clinics. By indemnifying
pharmacists who perform volunteer medical assistance services,
this measure will assist in providing further medical coverage in
emergency and non-emergency situations and provide a critical
public health resource.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.
No. 2826, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



