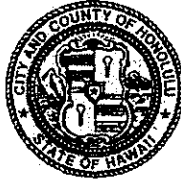


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March 17, 2011

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 110, S.D. 2, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor Violations
Involving Minors

I am Janna Mizuo, Major of the Community Affairs Division of the Honolulu Police
Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) opposes Senate Bill No. 110, S.D. 2. We need
to send a strong message to minors that underage drinking in any form is not condoned. It is
the responsibility of those in the presence of minors to report and/or prevent underage minors
from consuming alcohol.

By giving minor(s) immunity from prosecution, even under limited circumstances, it
sends a mixed message to the minor that it is okay to consume alcohol as long as he or she
provides assistance to another minor who may require medical attention.

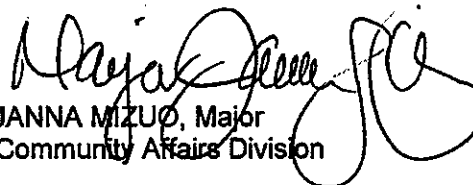
The HPD advocates zero tolerance for underage drinking.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


LOUIS M. KEALOHA
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JANNA MIZUO, Major
Community Affairs Division



the
**Drug Policy
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of hawaii

March 17, 2011

To: Representative Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Executive Director

RE: SB 110 SD 2 Relating to Intoxicating Liquor Violations Involving Minors
Hearing: Thursday, March 17, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Position: Support

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i writes in support of this measure.

This measure recognizes that many alcohol-related incidences occur when minors are in groups of close friends or acquaintances. Providing limited legal immunity encourages those minors present at the time of a medical emergency to call for help immediately.

Minors are often afraid of arrest even in cases when their friends or family need professional medical assistance. They may try other methods to revive the victim instead of calling 911.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (2008) adopted a resolution which supports the establishment of Good Samaritan policies to reduce the number of preventable overdose deaths.

The measure puts the focus on saving lives and preventing deaths rather than on arresting victims and their friends for drinking alcohol.

This measure is sensible public policy which can help save lives.

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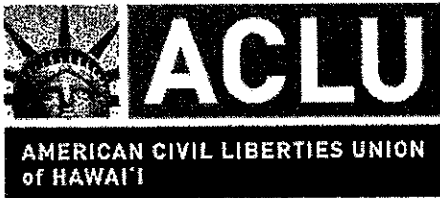
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Comments:

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Aloha, my name is Lee McIntosh. I live in Kau on the Big Island. I am not in favor of SB 110, which provides immunity to minors seeking medical attention for an intoxicated minor. This bill removes individual responsibility for minors knowingly breaking the law, and gives the false impression that it is acceptable for minors to drink. Minors will abuse SB 110 by using it as their get-out-of-jail free card if anything happens, which is not the message that we want to send to our youth. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 110.



Committee: Committee on Judiciary
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 17, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Place: Room 325
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.B. 110, SD2,
Relating to Intoxicating Liquor Violations for Minors

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii ("ACLU of Hawaii") writes in support of S.B. 110, SD2, Relating to Intoxicating Liquor Violations for Minors. This bill, which removes a common obstacle to seeking help in overdose situations, namely the fear of police involvement, encourages witnesses to call for help. In short, this bill may help to save lives jeopardized by an alcohol overdose. It reflects sound public policy.

The ACLU of Hawaii also encourages the Committee to expand this measure to include the same protections for drug overdoses.

The mission of the ACLU of Hawaii is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawaii fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawaii is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawaii has been serving Hawaii for over 45 years.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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