

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **310**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2013

RE: S.B. No. 981

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 981 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS  
RECORDS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the  
Department of Health to provide public health statistics records  
to law enforcement officers for evidence in criminal  
investigations.

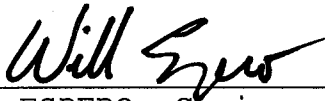
Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of the Attorney General, City and County of  
Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County  
of Kauai Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Honolulu Police  
Department, and County of Hawaii Police Department.

Your Committees find that law enforcement officers cannot  
generally obtain public health statistics records during  
investigations without a court order. The process of obtaining a  
court order for these records is time consuming and can often  
delay investigations involving physical evidence, safety of  
victims, availability of witnesses, or the ability to locate  
suspects. Your Committees find that this delay negatively impacts  
criminal investigations in the State by threatening the safety of  
victims and others, compromising physical evidence, and delaying  
apprehension of suspects.



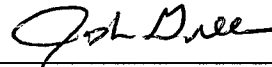
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 981 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and Public  
Safety, Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



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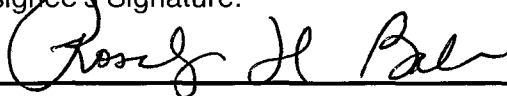
JOSH GREEN, Chair





The Senate  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 981</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HCH/PSM, JDL</b>	Date: <b>2-8-2013</b>		
<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
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
GREEN, Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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