

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2013

RE: S.R. No. 87

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 Higher Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 87 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON STATES WITH GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS AND THEIR IMPACT ON DECREASING DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Health and the John A. Burns School of Medicine to conduct a study on the states with Good Samaritan laws and their impact on decreasing drug overdose deaths.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Chow Project; Community Alliance on Prisons; and six individuals.

Your Committees find that many people who experience a drug overdose, or who witness a friend experiencing a drug overdose, delay seeking medical assistance out of fear of prosecution. This delay often can result in serious negative medical outcomes or death for the person experiencing the overdose. Your Committees further find that medical amnesty is a life-saving policy that immunizes persons seeking medical assistance from criminal liability in order to ensure that medical attention is immediately sought for anyone experiencing a drug overdose.

Your Committees also find that medical amnesty makes medical safety paramount in situations where someone is experiencing an

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overdose and promotes a policy that is beneficial to people of the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 87 and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Health and Higher  
Education,

  
BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

  
JOSH GREEN, Chair





The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 87</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH/HRE, JDL</i>	Date: <i>March 28-13</i>
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
  Pass, with amendments 2311     
  Hold 2310     
  Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
IGE, David Y.				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>			<i>3</i>

Recommendation:     
 Adopted     
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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