

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2453

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2215

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2215 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL AMNESTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage
responsible decisions and increase public safety by establishing
limited immunity for individuals who seek medical assistance for
victims of alcohol or drug-related overdoses or for themselves
during an alcohol or drug-related overdose emergency.

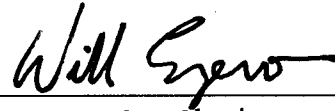
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Community Alliance on Prisons; CHOW
Project; Drug Policy Action Group; Medical Amnesty Initiative; and
six individuals.

Your Committee finds that overdoses have increased, becoming
a leading mechanism of injury-related mortality in Hawaii. The
threat of criminal punishment often causes individuals to hesitate
from taking necessary action in emergency overdose situations.
Medical amnesty policies encourage individuals to make responsible
decisions by shielding them from punishment when they seek medical
attention during an emergency involving alcohol or controlled
substances. Medical amnesty is a life-saving policy and is in the
best interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare.
Accordingly, this measure enables individuals to make life-saving
decisions by establishing limited immunity for individuals who
seek medical assistance for themselves or others during an
overdose emergency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2215 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2215	Committee Referral: PSM, JDL	Date: 2/13/14		
<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, M.D., Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	-	-	-
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes