

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2626

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2349

S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2349 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a pilot program within the Department of Health to provide treatment services to adults with chronic substance abuse problems.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Community Alliance for Mental Health, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that recent cutbacks in community health services have resulted in dramatic increases in emergency services for individuals with severe substance abuse problems. Your Committee recognizes that a small percentage of consumers of medical services account for a majority of all medical costs, largely due to preventable or inappropriate use of emergency medical care. Your Committee also acknowledges that substance abuse is a leading cause of preventable hospitalization. Your Committee finds that a pilot program to treat adults with chronic substance abuse issues and provide them with support services will reduce the State's long-term medical costs and provide substance-dependent adults with the help they need to become productive members of society.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

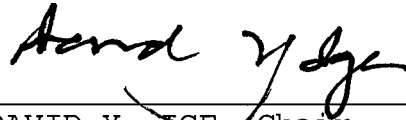
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- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2349, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2349, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2349</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-19-14</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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