

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1510

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 124

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 124 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT 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,"

begs 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 states with Good Samaritan laws and their
impact on decreasing drug overdose deaths.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Community Alliance on Prisons, and
three individuals.

Your Committee finds 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 Committee
further finds 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. Moreover, medical
amnesty makes medical safety paramount in situations where someone
is experiencing an overdose and promotes a policy that is
beneficial to people of the State.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 124 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,




CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
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<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
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
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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