

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 11, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2253  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2253  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand access to opioid  
antagonists to prevent fatal accidental poisoning caused by  
overdoses of drugs by:

- (1) Granting immunity to health care professionals and  
others who prescribe and administer an opioid  
antagonist; and
- (2) Authorizing emergency personnel and first responders to  
administer an opioid antagonist.

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Drug Policy Action Group,  
Hawaii College of Emergency Physicians, Hawaii Substance Abuse  
Coalition, Hawaii Medical Association, The Salvation Army  
Addiction Treatment Services and Family Treatment Services, and  
many concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.  
The Department of the Attorney General, Department of Health,  
Department of Human Services, Board of Pharmacy, Honolulu  
Emergency Medical Services Department, CHOW Project, and several  
concerned individuals provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining "harm reduction organization", "protocol", and "standing order" in the Overdose Prevention Emergency Response Act;
- (2) Specifying that a pharmacist, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability or professional disciplinary action for dispensing an opioid antagonist;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2070, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2253, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

*Della A. Belatti*

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HCLR 206-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2253</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT, CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/10/14</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	<i>Mark J. Hashem</i>			✓
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	<i>Marcus R. Oshiro</i>			✓
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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