

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 303  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 303, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Narcotics Enforcement and Prescription Drug Monitoring Advisory Committee within the Department of Health to advise and assist the Department of Public Safety by monitoring statewide statistics regarding drug prescriptions and drug prescribers, ascertaining whether the State has met community standards of care, and providing recommendations. This measure also establishes the Hawaii Drug Take-back and Education Initiative within the Department of Public Safety to coordinate and increase the safe return and disposal of drugs.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition and Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, and Walgreen Co. provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- (1) Establish the Narcotics Enforcement and Prescription Drug Monitoring Advisory Committee within the Department of Public Safety; and



- (2) Require the Narcotics Enforcement and Prescription Drug Monitoring Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on two additional subjects: the utilization of pain medication agreements between patients and providers and strengthening the electronic prescription accountability system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 303, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 303, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



