

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2384  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2384 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to provide flexibility and clear guidance for practitioners who prescribe, administer, or dispense controlled substances for patients undergoing medically managed withdrawal or detoxification treatment.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Excludes certain substances from Schedule II to conform with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration's updated schedules of controlled substances; and
- (2) Establishes registration and compliance requirements for medical practitioners and hospitals that prescribe, administer, and dispense controlled substances to patients undergoing medically managed withdrawal.



The Department of Public Safety, Department of Health, Big Island Substance Abuse Council, Bobby Benson Center, and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition testified in support of this measure.

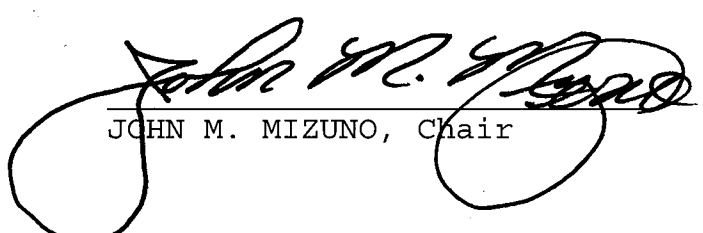
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the testimony by the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition which viewed certain sections as contradicting each other and proposed the expansion of prescriptive authority to include substances classified under Schedule II. Should your Committee on Judiciary consider this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider these concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2384, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health & Human  
Services,

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



