

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2811
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2811, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, to be consistent with federal law by allowing properly registered practitioners to prescribe drugs, including buprenorphine and naloxone, to patients undergoing medically managed withdrawal, provided that the practitioner complies with specific requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that this measure will bring Hawaii law into conformity with federal law and permit registered medical practitioners to prescribe drugs, including buprenorphine and naloxone, for purposes of medically managed withdrawal. While assisting those in need of treatment for substance abuse, this measure also assists in the enforcement of drug laws and the prevention of drug abuse and diversion in the State.



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. 2811, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



