

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3908**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 19 2024**

RE: H.C.R. No. 194  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 194, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF XYLAZINE TESTING STRIPS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct a study to determine if xylazine testing strips should be excluded from the State's definition of drug paraphernalia.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Division, and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition.

Your Committees find that recently criminal fentanyl manufacturers are combining xylazine, a sedative commonly used in veterinary medicine, with fentanyl to create a potent drug combination that increases the likelihood of a fatal drug overdose. Your Committees further find that legislatures across the country have altered their drug paraphernalia laws to either explicitly legalize fentanyl test strips or generally legalize drug testing equipment in order to combat fentanyl overdoses.



Your Committees conclude that to decrease fatal overdoses within the State, it is necessary for the Department of Law Enforcement to study if xylazine testing strips should be excluded from the State's definition of drug paraphernalia.

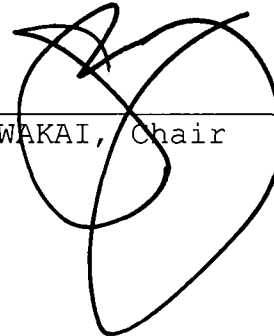
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 194, H.D. 1, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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**Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

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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				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
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<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>
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