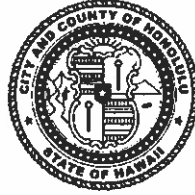


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April 4, 2024

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members
Committee on Ways and Means
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
and Members
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Keohokalole and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2253, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Health

I am Donn Manzano, Acting Captain of the Training Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 2253, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Health.

The HPD recognizes the importance of a quick response to individuals who may be suffering from an opioid overdose and the importance of immediate, life-saving measures in such situations.

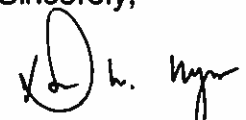
The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 2253, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, Relating to Health.

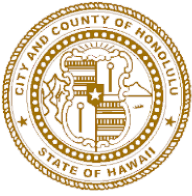
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police

Sincerely,


Donn Manzano, Acting Captain
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RE: Strong support for HB2253, HD2, SD1, Relating to Health

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Keohokalole, Vice Chairs Moriwaki and Fukunaga, and Members:

I write **to strongly support HB 2253, HD2, SD1, Relating to Health**, which would authorize the Department of Health to require all restaurants and hotel establishments to maintain an inventory of an opioid antagonist, expressly permit law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty, require funds for the purchase of opioid antagonists used by law enforcement officers employed by a county to be paid for using county funds, and clarify that emergency personnel and first responders may administer an opioid antagonist to an individual experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

Last year, Honolulu became the first major city in the United States to require on-premises liquor-serving establishments to carry naloxone, also known as NarCan, in case of an overdose. The idea came from a Chinatown nightclub, which had been carrying NarCan, and was able to save a patron from an overdose. Since the bill was passed, there have been multiple instances of liquor licensees using NarCan spray to stop overdoses, including a laudable, well-publicized case at the Zippy's Restaurant on Vineyard Blvd.

The reality is that the opioid epidemic is an ongoing public health issue both locally and nationally and has been exacerbated by the escalating use of synthetic opioids, specifically fentanyl. According to the Hawai'i State Department of Health, from August 2017 to August 2018, there were 59 deaths in the State from an opioid overdose. In 2020, that number increased to 274, a nearly 500% increase.

We have seen how naloxone saves lives. With the widespread proliferation of synthetic opioids in our community, it is more important than ever that we make this life-saving resource as accessible as possible. I appreciate the legislature's efforts through HB2253, HD2, SD1, to keep the public safe and make every tool available to prevent accidental overdoses.

Mahalo nui,

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
City Councilmember, District 6



HB2253 HD2 SD1 Restaurants and Hotels and Police to have Naloxone

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Thursday, Apr 4, 2024: 10:09: Room 211

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Supports HB2253 HD2 SD1:

ALOHA CHAIRS, VICE CHAIRS, AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization for substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment and prevention agencies and recovery-oriented services.

An amendment may be needed for DOH to purchase naloxone for law enforcement or else funding given to law enforcement for their procurement.

Having naloxone available is a great idea for all of Hawaii since it is highly effective to prevent opioid overdose:

1. At public restaurants and hotels so that naloxone can save lives for those crisis times when desperately needed.
2. Having law enforcement carry opioid antagonist (naloxone) makes sense given that they can be first responders to save a life.
3. Funding is needed. Naloxone is not hugely expensive but funding for purchases is needed since it has expiration dates.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.



TESTIMONY FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

April 4, 2024

HB2253 HD2 SD1 Authorizes the Department of Health to require all restaurants and hotel establishments to maintain an inventory of an opioid antagonist. Expressly permits law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty. Requires funds for the purchase of opioid antagonists used by law enforcement officers employed by a county to be paid for using county funds. Clarifies that emergency personnel and first responders may administer an opioid antagonist to an individual experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)

POSITION: SUPPORT

Aloha Chairs Dela Cruz and Keohokalole, Vice Chairs Moriwaki and Fukunaga and Esteemed Members of the Committee,

The Democratic Party of Hawaii*'*i **supports** HB 2253 HD 2 SD1.

The “*Health and Wellbeing*” portion of the Democratic Party of Hawaii*'*i platform states: “*We believe the wellbeing of all of Hawaii*'*i’s people is of the utmost importance.*”

The “*Expanding Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment*” portion of the 2020 National Democratic Party Platform states:

...Democrats will make medication-assisted treatment available to all who need it, and will require publicly supported health clinics to offer medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction and approved treatments for other substance use disorders...We will ensure no one is incarcerated solely for drug use, and support increased use of drug courts, harm reduction interventions, and treatment diversion programs for those struggling with substance use disorders.”

Opioid antagonists can save lives by reversing opioid overdoses. Therefore having them readily available where overdoses are likely to occur or be experienced will help increase the amount of lives saved by ensuring timely intervention.

Because First Responders are often first to respond to an overdose call, having them available and ready to be administered makes sense. This fast response is necessary in the case of opioid overdoses, because every minute counts.

The public health benefit to having opioid antagonists available and ready to be administered can not be overstated. It is our responsibility to ensure public health for ALL of our communities in our island home, and this is another step in the right direction by saving lives.

Addiction should be seen as a treatable medical condition, and by de-stigmatizing opioid overdoses we send a message to encourage those affected to seek medical treatment.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

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Date: April 2, 2024

To: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Subj: HB 2253, HD2, SD1 Relating to Health

The Hawaii Restaurant Association representing 4,000 Eating and Drinking Place Locations here in Hawaii, understand the intent of this bill but strongly oppose because of the language that require all restaurants to abide by this requirement of maintaining an inventory of an opioid antagonist.

Our restaurant industry operation is highly diverse in size and menu offering from a one or two person operation with very limited menu to one that has many many more employees at any given time that also serve alcohol beverages.

We currently have different counties that require establishments that serve alcohol to carry preventive medicine such as Naloxone and devices and they exempt the smaller entities that do not serve alcohol.

We strongly OPPOSE THAT ALL RESTAURANTS should be included as such.

Thank you for allowing us to share this very important point of view for our industry



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2253, HD 2, SD 1

TO: Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, & CPN Committee Members
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, & WAM Committee Members

FROM: Nikos Leverenz
Grants & Advancement Manager

DATE: April 4, 2024 (10:09 AM)

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHRC) **strongly supports** HB 2253, HD 2, SD 1, which authorizes the Department of Health to require all restaurants and hotel establishments to maintain an inventory of an opioid antagonist, among other provisions.

Last year the Honolulu City Council [passed an ordinance](#) requiring bars, nightclubs, and venues serving alcohol to carry nasal naloxone, the first of its kind in the nation. Within the first week of the law's operation in early January of this year, [there was a confirmed overdose reversal at Zippy's restaurant in downtown Honolulu](#).

HHRC Executive Director Heather Lusk has been actively involved in the [Hawai'i Opioid Initiative](#). As a founding partner of the Initiative and through its work in administering the state's syringe access program, HHRC has distributed over 50,000 doses of naloxone and provided training to thousands across Hawai'i. HHRC looks forward to providing whatever training and technical assistance that may be needed to help implement this effort.

HHRC's mission is to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma in Hawai'i and the Pacific. We work with many individuals impacted by poverty, housing instability, and other social determinants of health. Many have behavioral health problems, including those related to substance use and mental health conditions, and have also been deeply impacted by trauma related to histories of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TO:

Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Michael Miller, Tiki's Grill & Bar

Date: April 3, 2024

Subj: HB 2253, HD2, SD1 Relating to Health

We are reaching out to express our opposition to HB 2253, HD2, SD1. We believe this legislation places an adds more burden on the hospitality industry and misses the opportunity to address the crisis at its core.

We are hopeful that lawmakers will agree that **law enforcement and administrative efforts should not be diverted to issue citations to non-compliant hotels and restaurants.** Instead, focus should remain on support and solutions aimed directly at the issue, such as:

Enhancing law enforcement to better combat drug trafficking
Strengthening sentencing laws for drug-related offenses

Our teams already shoulder ample responsibilities in keeping our business afloat without the added burden of assuming medical duties and stocking products that are best left to professionals.

We respectfully ask the Legislature to consider this perspective and the potential ramifications of HB 2253, HD2, SD1 on businesses and our community. Concentrating on the root causes of the opioid crisis and aiding those affected will lead to substantial and meaningful progress.

Mahalo for considering our position.

Mahalo,
Michael Miller / Director of Operations

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HB-2253-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2024 9:45:54 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/4/2024 10:09:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Micheal SC Rompel	Testifying for Posso Pizza Inc. dba Domino's Hawai'i	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Please reject this bill written in it's current form. Although the intention of having life saving opiod antagonist available for application in restaurants and hotels, we lack the professionals to administer medicine. If you think about it, would you want the 18 year old server or busser to be the one who attempts to administer a life saving drug? There has been 100 years of modern medicine, and those modern medicines have always been administered by well educated, well trained, and qualified individuals that know what they are doing.

The house should be bringing you bills that bolster our law enforcement, so they can prevent drug trafficking as well as bills that enhance our education system so our keiki learn why they should never try drugs, even once. An ounce of prevention is worth a ton of opiod antagonists.

Please focus your efforts on prevention, and when necessary, having properly skilled individuals with the proper tools to address overdoses.

Mahalo for considering my testimony on behalf of my team which is not prepared and is afraid to have to administer medicine or drugs to people overdosing.



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HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
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Testimony of Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection/Ways and Means (CPN/WAM)
Thursday, April 4, 2024
HB2253 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH.
Position: SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees,

As the state's oldest and largest private sector tourism organization representing 700 members, nearly 50,000 hotel rooms, and 40,000 lodging workers, HLTA expresses our support for the advancement of HB2253 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH. This bill would authorize the Department of Health (DOH) to require all restaurants and hotel establishments to maintain an inventory of an opioid antagonist; permit law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty; require funds for the purchase of opioid antagonists used by law enforcement officers employed by a county to be paid for using county funds; and clarify that emergency personnel and first responders may administer an opioid antagonist to an individual experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

As an organization that prioritizes the safety of both kama'āina and visitors, we cannot let the opioid crisis adversely impact Hawai'i's tourism industry. Our state needs to be seen as a safe destination, so reducing the risk of a disruptive emergency at a hotel, bar, or restaurant is critical. By equipping restaurants and hotels with opioid antagonists, we empower them to respond effectively to opioid overdoses that may occur on their premises. We also create additional layers of protection for patrons and staff alike, fostering safer environments for all.

We look forward to this bill's progression throughout the legislative process.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our testimony.