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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB2253 HD2
RELATING TO HEALTH**

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 13, 2024, 3:00 PM Room Number: 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined

2 **Department Position:** The Department supports the intent of this measure and provides
3 comments.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) provides the
5 following testimony on behalf of the Department.

6 The measure amends HRS Chapter 329E to permit law enforcement officers to carry an opioid
7 antagonist while on-duty and are authorized to administer an opioid antagonist to an individual
8 experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. The bill requires county general revenues or
9 opioid litigation proceeds be used by the respective counties to purchase opioid antagonist to be
10 used by the law enforcement officers. It amends the requirement for the Department to educate
11 and train on drug overdose response and treatment for law enforcement officers as well as permit
12 the Department to require all restaurants and hotels to maintain an inventory of an opioid
13 antagonist.

1 While the Department supports the use of opioid antagonists to save lives, permitting them to
2 carry an opioid antagonist is a matter to be decided by each law enforcement agency.

3 The Department also defers to each county on the requirement to purchase opioid antagonists
4 used by a law enforcement officer from county general funds or opioid litigation funds.

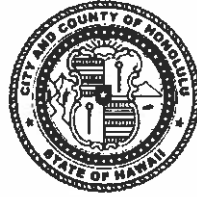
5 The Department already does education and training on drug overdose response. The ADAD
6 currently partners with the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (Hawaii HIDTA) to
7 implement a current overdose grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and which
8 provides trainings on how to use naloxone, an opioid antagonist. This training is still available to
9 law enforcement by request.

10 **Offered Amendments:** None.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
and Members
Committee on Health and Human Services
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chairs Wakai and San Buenaventura and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 2253, H.D. 2, 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, 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.

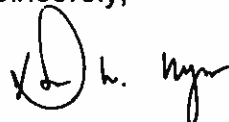
The HPD urges you to support House Bill No. 2253, H.D. 2, Relating to Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:


Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police

Sincerely,


Donn Manzano, Acting Captain
Training Division

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2253, HD 2

TO: Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, & HHS Committee Members
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, & PSM Committee Members

FROM: Nikos Leverenz
Grants & Advancement Manager

DATE: March 13, 2024 (3:00 PM)

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

Last year the Honolulu City Council [passed an ordinance](#) requiring bars, nightclubs, and venues serving alcohol to carry nasal naloxone, [the first law 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.