HB 2401 HD 1: RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Schatz, and Members of the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2401 HD1, which would repeal optional, exclusionary insurance provision for injuries sustained by insured persons as a result of intoxication from alcohol or narcotics and appropriates funds to establish the Screening, Briefing, Intervention, Referral, and Treatment program in emergency rooms to the John A Burns School of Medicine.

The University of Hawai‘i supports the intent of HB2401 HD1, however, we respectfully recommend that such a program be housed in a different state agency, and not at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. We are not equipped to manage such a program and it is not within the core mission of the School.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.