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SB 2364 SD2 RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Chair Arakaki, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB2364 SD2, 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 SB2364 SD2, 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.