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SB 2364 SD2, HD1 – RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Schatz, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2364 SD2, 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 SB2364 SD2, HD1. However, we ask that the program not be housed within our 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. We respectfully suggest that the Legislature house such a program in a different, more appropriate State Agency, such as the Department of Health, where the original bill appropriated the funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.