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Testimony

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HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH (HSH)

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Meeting**

Meeting Date: May 3, 2023 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 4

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Rick Ramirez	Email: rramirez@hhrc.org	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 28, 2023 @ 11:32 AM
Testimony: I am a nurse practitioner who serves the LGBT and the Honolulu community. There is increasing rates of IV drug use, associated morbidity and mortality is also increasing. Frequently this can be seen in certain situations near bars/restaurants. In order to save lives, I am supporting this bill to have these places carry naloxone as a reversal agent in case of someone needing this! This will save human lives! Mahalo for your time!		
Name: Larry Smith	Email: larrysmith808@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 29, 2023 @ 12:34 PM
Testimony: I strongly support this Bill.		
Name: Erin Furuichi	Email: efuruichi@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 08:52 AM
Testimony: I strongly support Bill 28, which would require liquor dispensing establishments to have Narcan/Naloxone spray on premises, allowing them to quickly and safely provide life-saving measures to those who need it. Thank you for this opportunity.		
Name: Alan Burdick	Email: burdick808@gmail.com	Zip: 06701
Representing: Progressive Democrats of Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 09:44 PM

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Committee on Housing, Sustainability, and Health

Honolulu City Council

Re: Bill 28 – Narcan-Naxalone emergency spray

Aloha!, Members of the Council Committee on Housing, Sustainability, and Health:

Progressive Democrats of Hawaii reiterate our **strongly support** for Bill 28. This bill would require certain liquor dispensing establishments, such as bars and nightclubs, to have Narcan/Naloxone spray on premises in case of an accidental overdose by a patron or employee.

The opioid crisis is real. It directly affects many people and families here in Hawaii, and it indirectly affects all of us. This is an important first step toward promoting public health, to expand access to emergency treatment when there are overdoses, and to help destigmatize drug-related issues.

We believe that OTHER public accommodations should have Narcan/Naxalone spray available as well. We hope that Bill 28 will cause other businesses to at least voluntarily take this action as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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