

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1594

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1044
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1044, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide equal access to immunosuppressant medication for Medicaid patients with HIV, AIDS, or Hepatitis C, or who require immunosuppressives due to organ transplants, regardless of whether they are in the QUEST or Medicaid Fee-For-Service programs.

Specifically, this measure repeals the inapplicability to QUEST medical plans of the exemption from preauthorization procedures in treating such patients until July 1, 2013. The measure also requires the Department of Human Services to report to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2010, 2011, and 2012 regular sessions on the costs incurred by compliance with this measure.

Your Committee received comments in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Association of Health Plans. The Department of Human Services offered comments.

Your Committee has made a technical amendment for the purpose of clarity by specifying that, upon the repeal of the measure on July 1, 2013, section 346-352, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which it read on December 31, 2007.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1044, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1044, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1044 HDI, SDI	Committee Referral: HSP, WAM	Date: 3/30/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	9	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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