

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 10
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 10 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make rebate agreements
between drug manufacturers and the Department of Human Services
mandatory.

This measure also requires the Department of Human Services
to inform health care providers about drug costs for manufacturers
with rebate agreements and those without rebate agreements.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the ILWU Local 142, AARP Hawaii, the National
Multiple Sclerosis Society, Child and Family Service, the Hawaii
Alliance for Retired Americans, the Policy Board for Elder
Affairs, the Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church
of Honolulu, and one individual. Written comments in opposition
to this measure were submitted by the Pharmaceutical Research and
Manufacturers of America.

Your Committee finds that requiring, rather than allowing (as
in existing law), drug manufacturers or labelers to make rebate
payments to the State will result in lower prices than currently
offered through the Rx Plus Program. Your Committee believes
Hawaii residents deserve open access to the most appropriate
medications, without any restrictions, at reasonable prices.

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Your Committee has amended this measure to make technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 10, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 10, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



