STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1665

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 5 2007

RE: H.B. No. 426 H.D. 2

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. 426, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide individuals receiving public assistance greater accessibility to psychotropic medications.

Specifically, this measure provides prescriptive authority under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and repeals the sunset date on the law that ensures continuous access to psychotropic medications for Medicaid fee-for-service and QUEST plan beneficiaries.

Your Committee received written comments from one individual.

Your Committee finds that enabling Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with prescriptive authority to prescribe psychotropic medications to Medicaid and QUEST patients will help improve access to quality health care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

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. 426, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chai

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 426 HD2	Committee Referral: Date: 3-20-07				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)		1/			
IGE, David Y. (VC)					'
ESPERO, Will					~
IHARA, Jr., Les		V_{z}			
SAKAMOTO, Norman		V			
SLOM, Sam		- V			
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TOTAL		4	0	0	2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
Distribution: Original File with Committe					

^{*}Only one measure per Record of Votes