

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2001
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 2001, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEPHARMACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase access to
prescription medications, particularly in rural and medically
underserved areas, by authorizing the operation of remote
dispensing pharmacies.

The Hawaii Medical Service Association and Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii
testified in support of this bill. Kaiser Permanente Hawaii
supported the intent of this measure. The Board of Pharmacy,
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and Hawaii Pharmacists
Association supported this bill with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Authorizing the operation of remote dispensing
pharmacies in all counties, but prohibiting remote
dispensing pharmacies from being operated within ten
miles of a pharmacy except in a county with fewer than
100,000 residents; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity
and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2001, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2001, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



