

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1245

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1673
S.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services & Housing and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1673, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve access to medications for persons who are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C or who require immunosuppressive medications due to organ transplants by expanding access to immunosuppressant medications for such Medicaid patients regardless of whether they are in the Medicaid Fee-For-Service or QUEST programs.

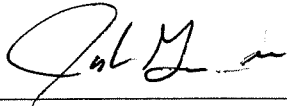
The Department of Human Services and Hawaii Disability Rights Center supported this bill. The Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. The Hawaii Medical Service Association submitted comments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services & Housing and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1673, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services &
Housing and Health,



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