

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3120

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2008

RE: H.B. No. 7
H.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 7,
H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE I-SAVERX PRESCRIPTION DRUG
PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase access to
affordable prescription drugs by requiring the Governor to enter
into a written agreement no later than January 1, 2009, that
allows Hawaii residents to participate in the I-SaveRx
prescription drug program by July 1, 2009.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, the Kokua
Council, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Community
Services, Hawaii Government Employees Association, ILWU Local 142,
the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and four individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Attorney General, the Department of Human
Services, the City and County of Honolulu Department of the
Prosecuting Attorney, and Pharmaceutical Research and
Manufacturers of America.

Your Committee finds that the pharmaceutical industry is the
most profitable business in the country. Your Committee further
finds that several states have joined forces in the successful I-
SaveRx program that provides reduced prices on prescription

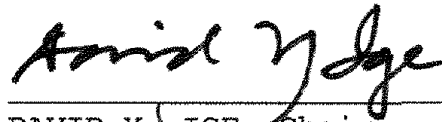
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medications. This measure would provide the residents of Hawaii with the choice to purchase medications through the I-SaveRx program and would substantially benefit the elderly, uninsured, and underinsured, those who are most in need.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 7, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,

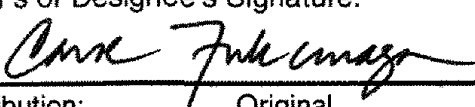


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
 Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 7 HD1	Committee Referral: HTH, CPH	Date: 3/19/08		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul		✓		
TOTAL	3	1		1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes