

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 49
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 49
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATUROPATHY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of
Examiners in Naturopathy to adopt a formulary, qualifications, and
rules allowing naturopaths to administer natural medicines by
injection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy (Board), Hawaii Society
of Naturopathic Physicians, and nineteen individuals. Testimony
in opposition was received from the Department of Health (DOH) and
Hawaii Medical Association.

Testimony from the Board indicates that the administration of
natural medicines using injections is within the scope and
practice of naturopathy. The use of injections is taught in
naturopathic colleges. The licensure exam includes questions on
intravenous, intramuscular, and subcutaneous injection and
vaccination. This measure does not include the authority to
inject prescription drugs.

Your Committee notes that the Governor vetoed a similar
measure in 2006, H.B. No. 1155, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, that would have
provided for the adoption of a formulary and qualifications for
administering natural medicines by injection.

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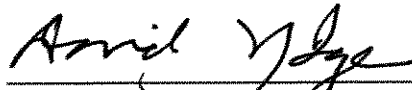


Your Committee further notes the objections of the DOH that the measure does not sufficiently define which substances are and are not included in "natural medicines." The DOH testified that last year's bill contained a provision to establish a temporary advisory committee on the administration of natural medicines by injection, to make recommendations for a formulary of natural medicines as well as qualifications to administer such substances by injection.

Your Committee believes that more discussion is necessary before this measure passes the Legislature. Therefore, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on its merits.

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 S.B. No. 49, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 49, S.D. 1, 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. ICE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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SB 49	HTH, CPH	2-7-07		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	5			
Recommendation:				
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