

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2016
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2016 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the most effective treatment options are available for people afflicted with cancer by requiring health insurance plans to include methods of oral chemotherapy treatment as a medical benefit and not as a drug benefit.

The Hawaii Medical Association supported the intent of this bill. The Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. The Hawaii Medical Service Association and American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2016, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2016, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



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

Josh Green M.D.

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2016	Committee Referral: HLT, CPC	Date: 1-23-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	/			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
7. RHOADS, Karl	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				/
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>John M. Mizuno</i>				
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