

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1255

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 568  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 568,  
S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure safe, accurate, and efficient medication prescribing practices by establishing the Electronic Prescription Drug Program Task Force (Task Force) to develop a plan to establish and implement, by July 1, 2011, the mandatory use of an Electronic Prescription Drug Program (Program) by pharmacists, physicians, and others authorized to prescribe or dispense prescription drugs in the state.

Walgreens Co. supported this bill. The Department of Health and the Department of Human Services supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing that the use of the Program is discretionary rather than mandatory;
- (2) Clarifying that the Task Force members representing dentists and a local health plan will be represented by a representative of the Hawaii Dental Association and the Hawaii Association of Health Plans respectively;

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- (3) Ensuring that the professions of Physician Assistants and Advance Practice Registered Nurses each have a representative on the Task Force;
- (4) Adding a representative to the Task Force from the Hawaii Association for Justice;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 568, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 568, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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RYAN J. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 568, SD2	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-24-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	7			2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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