

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1044

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 585
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. 585, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REMOTE DISPENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expand access to prescription medications by allowing remote dispensing pharmacies (RDP) located on islands without pharmacies, in health maintenance organizations, or areas not less than five miles from another pharmacy to:

- (1) Provide medications to patients with any health insurance coverage;
- (2) Dispense controlled substances until such time that a pharmacy is subsequently established on the same island; and
- (3) Continue operating in the same location if a pharmacy is subsequently established on the same island or within five miles of the RDP.

The Board of Pharmacy, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Walgreens Co., Lana'i Women's Center, Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, and Hawaii Medical

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Service Association supported this bill. A concerned individual opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 585, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 585, S.D. 2, 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,



RYAN J. YAMANE Chair



