

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 9, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 967
S.D. 2
H.D. 3

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 967, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to amend Hawaii's controlled substance laws to make them consistent with federal law by:

- (1) Adding new drugs to Hawaii's controlled substance laws to conform to changes made in the federal law;
- (2) Including consideration of a registrant's surrender of a federal controlled substance registration in determining whether the registrant's state registration should be suspended or revoked;
- (3) Authorizing and establishing procedures for pharmacies that electronically share a real-time, online database, to transfer controlled substance prescriptions between their pharmacies;
- (4) Specifying what information practitioners and pharmacists who dispense controlled substances are required to record in either a written log book or an electronic database;



- (5) Permitting acceptance of either a written signature or a signature recorded by an electronic capture device;
- (6) Providing that the initial registration information in a mail order prescription drug plan will satisfy identification requirements for dispensing controlled substances pursuant to valid mail order prescriptions; and
- (7) Authorizing administrative inspections of the premises and records, other than financial data, for establishments such as pharmacies that are authorized to hold, manufacture, dispense, or otherwise dispose of controlled substances.

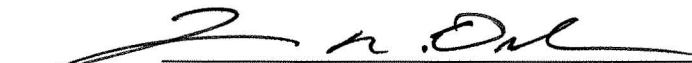
The Department of Public Safety, Honolulu Police Department, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and Walgreen Co., supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to "upon approval;" 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 967, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 967, S.D. 2, H.D. 3.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



