

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 9, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2096  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2096  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the quality of care  
and practice of medicine in Hawaii by requiring that health plans  
that base coverage for prescription drugs on a drug formulary or  
prior authorization requirement establish a Drug Formulary Board  
(Board) to develop a drug formulary.

The Hawaii Medical Association supported this bill. The  
Hawaii Association of Health Plans opposed this measure. The  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) and 'Ohana  
Health Plan submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

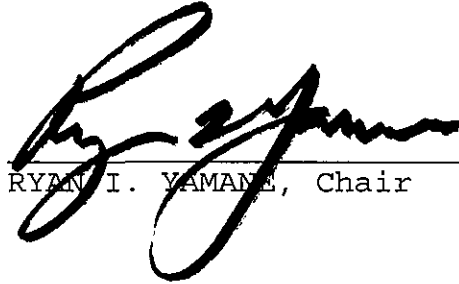
- (1) Requiring that the Board develop standards for review  
that have been approved by a majority of the Board prior  
to establishing a prescription drug formulary;
- (2) Providing that a doctor of psychiatry may also be  
selected for placement on the Board;



- (3) Requiring DCCA's Insurance Commissioner to provide administrative oversight to ensure compliance of the insurance plans;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) 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 H.B. No. 2096, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2096, 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,



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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



