

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 7 8, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2461  
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. 2461  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve Hawaii's health care  
system and patient care by requiring health insurers and like  
entities to offer at least the same prescription drug coverage to  
the insured that the insured individual had under their previous  
insurance plan.

The Neuropathy Action Foundation, Hawaii Coalition for  
Health, Hawaii Congress of Physicians and Other Healthcare  
Providers, American Cancer Society, National Cornerstone  
Healthcare Services Inc., the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha  
Chapter, and a concerned individual testified in support of this  
bill. The Department of Human Services, Department of Commerce and  
Consumer Affairs, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Medical Service  
Association, and Hawaii Association of Health Plans testified in  
opposition to 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 amendments 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. 2461, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2461, 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 I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 184-10

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

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2461	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT ,CPC	<b>Date:</b> 1/29/10		
<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>	8	1		
<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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