

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

184

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 655

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 H.B. No. 655  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure access to the  
prescription medications people in remote locations need by:

- (1) Permitting remote dispensing pharmacies (RDP) to be  
established on islands where there are no pharmacies  
established; and
- (2) Authorizing the use of the RDPs to obtain medications  
regardless of the type of medical insurance possessed.

The Department of Human Services, Board of Pharmacy, Kaiser  
Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and several  
concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of  
Public Safety supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Providing that upon the establishment of a pharmacy on  
an island with a RDP, the RDP will no longer be  
permitted to dispense controlled substances;

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- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 655, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 655, 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



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The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 655	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, CPC	<b>Date:</b> 2-03-09		
<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)				
<b>HLT Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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