

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1964
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1964
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure affordable
medication coverage for persons battling cancer. Specifically,
this measure:

- (1) Requires insurance providers to reimburse patients for
chemotherapy using the percentage cost shares that are
applicable to non-generic cancer medications; and
- (2) Prohibits insurance providers from increasing enrollee
cost sharing for non-generic cancer medications in
relation to enrollee cost sharing for other non-generic
covered medications.

Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawai'i Public Health
Association, and three individuals testified in support of this
measure. The Department of Budget and Finance testified in
support of the intent of this measure. The Department of Commerce
and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Medical Association, American Cancer
Society, and Kaiser Permanente provided comments.

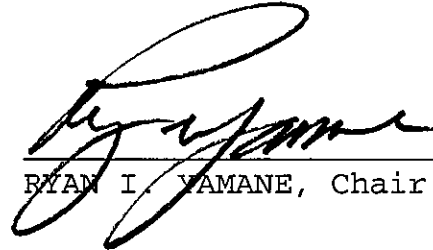


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring insurance providers to reimburse patients for generic and non-generic chemotherapy medications at the same or lower copayment percentage that is applicable to intravenously administered chemotherapy; 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. 1964, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1964, 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-sixth Legislature

HSCR 422-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: AB 1964	Committee Referral: ALT, CPC	Date: 2-10-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
5. JORDAN, Jo				✓
6. LEE, Chris				✓
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. WOOLEY, Jessica				✓
9. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			
10. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">_____</div>				
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