

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1964

H.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to limit the out-of-pocket costs for cancer treatments under health insurance plans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, American Cancer Society, and Hawaii Medical Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association.

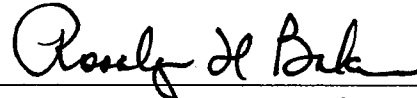
The American Cancer Society estimates that one-quarter of all deaths in the country are due to cancer. Your Committee finds that although oral treatments are the standard care for many types of cancer, oral anti-cancer medications can have high copayments, coinsurance, and out-of-pocket costs. Your Committee further finds that cancer patients are sometimes forced to make their treatment choice based on cost rather than efficacy. This measure ensures that the costs associated with oral and intravenous chemotherapy procedures are affordable to cancer patients.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and



purpose of H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass  
Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection,




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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1964 HD2</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, CPN</b>	Date: <b>3-30-12</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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