

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2310**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2087
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2087
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require health
plans that provide coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment to
establish limits on out-of-pocket costs for cancer medications,
including nongeneric, oral chemotherapy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii Medical Association, HMSA, American Cancer Society,
Hawaii Public Health Association, and three individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Kaiser Permanente.

Your Committee finds that the cost of cancer medications is a
pressing issue, with the American Cancer Society estimating that
one in five cancer patients use up all or most of their savings to
pay for treatment. Your Committee further finds that oral
chemotherapy makes cancer treatment less burdensome in terms of
the time and commute required for individuals, especially those
who do not reside on Oahu, to receive treatment.

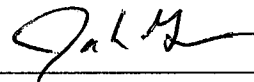
Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting language
provided by Kaiser Permanente that:



- (1) Specifies that the copayment percentage or relative coinsurance amount for oral chemotherapy drugs may be lower than the amount charged for intravenously administered chemotherapy;
- (2) Specifies that generic oral chemotherapy drugs shall also be covered by individual and group hospital and medical service plan policies and contracts; and
- (3) Makes technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2087, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2087, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB 2087	HTH, CPN	2/10/12		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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