

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2185

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2106
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. 2106
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
insurers to provide outpatient prescription drug coverage,
prohibit health insurers from requiring coinsurance as a basis for
cost sharing with the insured for outpatient prescription drug
benefits, and limit the amount of copayment an insured must pay
for outpatient prescription drugs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from HMSA; the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc.;
Hawaii Academy of Physician Assistants; National Multiple
Sclerosis Society - Hawaii Division; the Neuropathy Association;
Arthritis Foundation - Hawaii Branch; Neuropathy Action
Foundation; Advocacy for Patients with Chronic Illness; the
Myositis Association; Immune Deficiency Foundation; Patient
Services, Inc.; National Council of Asian Pacific Islander
Physicians; Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE); GBS/CIDP
Foundation International; National Cornerstone Healthcare
Services, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs and one insurance plan professional.

Your Committee finds that outpatient medical therapy is
critical to quality care in an efficient health care system and

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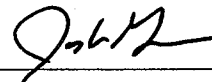
that outpatient medications should be made as affordable and accessible as possible.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provisions relating to mutual benefit societies that would restrict coinsurance as a basis for cost sharing, place a \$150 cap on copayments for a one-month supply of a prescription drug, and include prescription drugs in any limit of a member's out-of-pocket expenses for covered outpatient prescription drugs; and
- (2) Making 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. 2106, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2106, 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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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>SB 2106</i>	<i>HTH, CPN</i>	<i>1-27-12</i>		
<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	<i>5</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i></div>				
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