

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2779

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2797  
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2797, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS IN MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to continue to provide access to psychotropic medications to patients who receive medical assistance coverage. Specifically, this measure continues the requirement that an individual must try generic medications twice unsuccessfully before the individual's medical assistance health plan provides coverage for a brand-name psychotropic prescription drug.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Hawaii Association of Health Plans and 'Ohana Health Plan. Written comments were also submitted by the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and United Self Help.

Your Committee finds that Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, has proved to be beneficial for both patients and health plans. The use of generic drugs lowers costs for QUEST, QUEST Expanded Access, and fee-for-service programs administered by the Department of Human Services, as well as the patient, and the patients are still able to receive brand-name medications, if appropriate.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2797, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB2797 SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-24-12</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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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