

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

743

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 27, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 652

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 652
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REMOTE DISPENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to permanently allow the
operation of remote dispensing machines by a licensed pharmacy or
pharmacist.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the
Board of Pharmacy, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific
Health, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and Waianae Coast
Comprehensive Health Center. Testimony in opposition to the
measure was received from a concerned individual.

Your Committee finds that remote dispensing remains an
affordable option for patients to obtain their medications through
the use of technology. Remote dispensing machines fulfill a need
that is created when "brick and mortar" pharmacies are not
available for immediate prescription needs.

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. 652
and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the
calendar for Third Reading.



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

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



