

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

991

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2013

RE: H.B. No. 652  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

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 and intent of this measure is to make the remote  
dispensary law permanent by deleting the repeal date of January 2,  
2014.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Board of Pharmacy, Hawaii Pacific Health, Waianae Coast  
Comprehensive Health Center, and Kaiser Permanente. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
Hawaii Community Pharmacists Association and one individual.

Your Committee finds that many individuals living in  
underserved or remote areas need improved access to medications  
and pharmacy services. Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008,  
sought to address these issues by permitting remote dispensing  
pharmacy operations.

Your Committee notes, however, that the location of remote  
dispensing pharmacies near retail pharmacies may create  
operational challenges for retail pharmacies, making it difficult  
for retail pharmacies to remain profitable. Your Committee  
further notes that it is unclear the degree to which remote  
dispensing pharmacies are used by health maintenance organizations  
throughout the State and that further inquiry is necessary.

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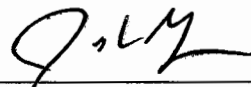


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to amend Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, sections 461- (c) and 461- (o), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to change the prohibited area of operation of any new remote dispensing pharmacy from any location within five miles of any pharmacy to any location within ten miles of any pharmacy;
- (2) Amending section 7 of Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, to extend the repeal date to January 1, 2016, rather than make the Act permanent; and
- (3) 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 H.B. No. 652, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 652, 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,



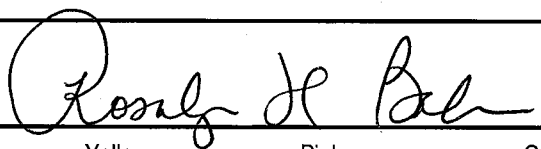
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 652	HTH, CPN	03/20/2013		
<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, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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