

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2013

RE: S.B. No. 650
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 650 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit physicians, nurses, and pharmacists from:

- (1) Prescribing long-acting opioid painkillers in emergency rooms;
- (2) Prescribing more than a three-day supply of any other opioid painkillers in emergency rooms; and
- (3) Refilling prescriptions for opioid painkillers that have been lost, stolen, or destroyed,

with certain exceptions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and Hawaii Medical Service Association. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Medical Association, and American Academy of Pain Management.

Your Committees find that this measure will help deter pharmaceutical controlled substance abuses from visiting hospital



emergency rooms in an attempt to fraudulently obtain large amounts of controlled substances. Your Committees also suggests that physicians and nurses should be required to attend continuing medical education training on opioid distribution.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

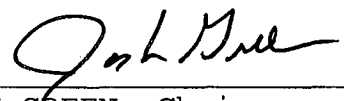
- (1) Replacing "pharmacist" with "physician's assistant" in this measure because pharmacists are already not authorized to prescribe opioids;
- (2) Adding MS contin, oxycontin, and fentanyl to the list of long-acting opioid painkillers prohibited from being prescribed in emergency rooms;
- (3) Prohibiting prescriptions for more than a seven-day supply, as opposed to a three-day supply, of opioids other than long-acting opioids in emergency rooms; and
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 650, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 650, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Commerce and Consumer
Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair

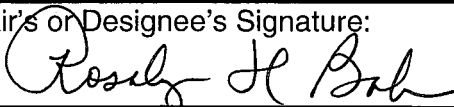


JOSH GREEN, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Health
HTH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 650	Committee Referral: HTH/CPN, JDL	Date: 2/01/13		
<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			✓	
TOTAL	3	—	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

