

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 972

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 972 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the Uniform Controlled Substances Act by:

- (1) Adding definitions of "electronic prescription", "electronic prescription application", and "electronic signature" to be consistent with federal law;
- (2) Adding conditions for the transmittal of prescriptions electronically by the practitioner to a pharmacy for schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances; and
- (3) Clarifying the prohibited acts involving electronic prescriptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from CVS Caremark, Kaiser Permanente, Walgreens, Hawaii Medical Association, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure allows prescribers who are registered and authorized to prescribe controlled substances, to electronically prescribe and electronically convey prescriptions for controlled substances listed in schedules II, III, IV, and V to a pharmacy of the patient's choice. The electronic conveyance of prescriptions from prescribers to



pharmacists provides a safer, more secure, and timely means to prescribe controlled substances in addition to the traditional method of providing the patient with a handwritten prescription.

Your Committee further finds that this measure eliminates or greatly reduces forgeries, lost prescription documents, and illegible handwriting, which contribute to medication errors, wasted time, and increased frustration for patients who need these medicines.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 972 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Record of Votes
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CPN

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SB 972	HTH/TEC, CPN	2/20/13		
<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 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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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