

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1672  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1672 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize a beneficiary of a prescription drug benefit plan to obtain a prescription without penalty from a non-network retail community pharmacy located within ten miles of the beneficiary's residence, if the nearest network retail community pharmacy is located over ten miles away.

The Queen's Health Systems and some individuals provided testimony in support of the measure. The Hawaii Medical Service Association provided testimony in opposition. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, University of Hawaii System, CVS Health, and Express Scripts provided comments.

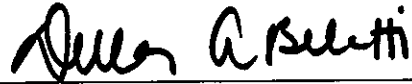
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Blanking out the distances that determine whether a beneficiary can obtain a prescription from any retail community pharmacy without penalty; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2070, to encourage further discussion.



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. 1672, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1672; H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HJCR 237-16

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1672</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT, CPC, JUD</b>	Date: <b>2/10/16</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.				✓
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			✓
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	✓			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>2</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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