

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1279

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 133

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 133 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION
WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE AND PROPOSE LEGISLATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to consider the
benefits of medication synchronization by requesting the Director
of Health to convene a medication synchronization working group to
explore and propose legislation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System, Walgreen Company, CVS
Health/Longs Drugs, Times Pharmacy, and one individual. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Health.

Your Committee finds that many states across the country are
approving medication synchronization for commercial patients.
Your Committee further finds that medication synchronization has
the potential to improve patient health, reduce costs to insurers,
and promote efficient workflow in pharmacies by allowing
pharmacists and patients to work together to synchronize a
patient's medications for pick-up on the same day each month.
Furthermore, studies demonstrate that appointment-based medication



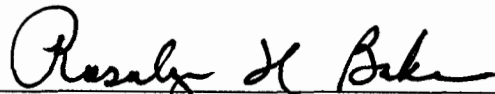
synchronization can significantly improve medication adherence rates. Your Committee notes that medication synchronization also has the potential to simplify therapeutic regimes and improve access to care for patients living in rural areas or patients with limited means of transportation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making a technical amendment to its title; and
- (2) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 133, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 133, S.D. 1.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR133	CPH	3/28/17		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i>				
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