

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1603
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1603 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide health care coverage and benefits for a minimum of six months of inpatient and outpatient treatment for opioid dependence.

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Community Health Outreach Work Project, Ku Aloha Ola Mau, and three concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Human Services, and Department of Health provided comments.

Your Committee requests that the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs collaborate with stakeholders to identify possible improvements for this measure's language.

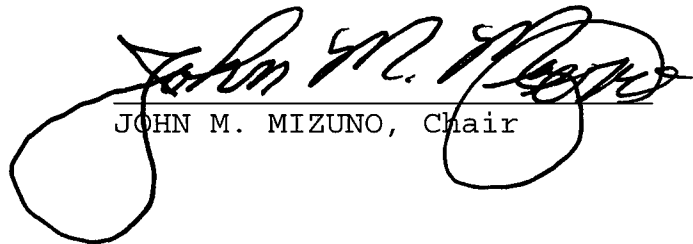


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the date that this measure shall apply to policies, contracts, and plans of health insurance to December 31, 2018; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1603, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1603, 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 & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1603	Committee Referral: HHS, CPC, FIN	Date: 1-24-18		
<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)				
HHS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. LEARMONT, Lei R.	/			
5. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	/			
TOTAL (5)	4	—	—	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ RJ Key _____				
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