

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1603
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 1, 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.

Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i, and a few individuals testified in support of this measure. Kaiser Permanente Hawaii testified in opposition. The Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Hawaii Medical Service Association provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions mandating health care coverage and benefits for a minimum of six months of inpatient and outpatient treatment for opioid dependence;



- (2) Requiring the auditor to conduct a study to assess the social and financial effects of requiring 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;
- (3) Requiring the auditor to report to the legislature all findings and recommendations, including any legislation, no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2019;
- (4) Appropriating an unspecified amount for the auditor to conduct the study; and
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1603, H.D. 2.

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



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1603, HD 1	Committee Referral: HHS, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/9/18		
<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)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKUMI, Roy M. (C)	✓			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. ITO, Ken	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
11. McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (11)	7	0	0	4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Bob McDermott</i>				
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