

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2145
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2145, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate medication synchronization for efficient medication refilling by requiring health insurance plans that provide prescription drug benefits to apply prorated daily cost-sharing rates for prescriptions dispensed in less than thirty-day supplies by pharmacies. This measure also authorizes licensed pharmacists to adjust the supply of a prescription dispensed to the patient for purposes of medication synchronization.

The Department of Health, Hawaii Medical Association, American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Walgreen Co. provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2145, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sylvia Luke', written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



