

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 766

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1263
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 1263 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to update section
329-38(i), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be consistent with federal
law by allowing the use of either words or figures to indicate
quantity on electronic prescriptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Public Safety, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii,
and Greenwich Biosciences. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from Akamai Cannabis Clinic.

Your Committee finds that existing state law requires words
and figures be used to indicate quantity on all prescriptions for
controlled substances, whereas federal law allows words or
figures. According to testimony from the Department of Public
Safety, many electronic prescription programs conform with federal
law and therefore do not have the capability to use both words and
figures. As a result, electronic prescriptions may be rejected
and must be reissued in written form, by fax, or telephonically.
This measure conforms Hawaii electronic prescription requirements




with federal regulations, thereby reducing barriers to electronic prescription use in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the Controlled Substances Act to make it consistent with amendments in the federal controlled substances law by including a Schedule V controlled substance used to treat certain childhood-onset epilepsy patients; and
- (2) Making 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1263, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1263, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



