

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1796,  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 1796, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create the Insulin Drug Task Force to study whether cost-sharing limits should be placed on prescription insulin drugs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AARP Hawaii and Hawaii Medical Service Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii State Ethics Commission, and Kaiser Permanente Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State has a high rate of diabetes and the price of insulin is costly. The task force established by this measure is one approach the State can take toward the goal of making prescription medication less cost prohibitive for Hawaii residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the exemption from chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which is the law governing the standards of



conduct for certain public officials and employees, as the State Ethics Code already contains a provision that specifically applies to task force members and their potential conflicts of interest;

- (2) Inserting a blank appropriation amount to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1796, 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. 1796, H.D. 2.

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



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ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The THIRTIETH Legislature **HSCR 306-20**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1796, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT, CPC, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/6/20</b>		
<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. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. CABANILLA ARAKAWA, Rida	✓			
6. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
7. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				✓
9. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren				✓
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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