

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 951
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which
was referred H.B. No. 951, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow a patient
who has been seen in person by a health care provider to be
prescribed a three-day supply of opiates via telehealth by a
provider within the same medical group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Law Enforcement, Disability and
Communication Access Board, and Kaiser Permanent Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that patients suffering from acute pain
require immediate treatment even when their regular provider is
unavailable. Under existing law, however, patients in this
situation must try to quickly find another provider to satisfy the
face-to-face requirement to establish a physician-patient
relationship. This requirement creates inefficiencies in the
delivery of health care services, especially given the ongoing
shortage of health care providers in the State. This measure is a
proactive step toward improving patient care and outcomes by
allowing health care providers to prescribe a three-day supply of
opiates based on the evaluation of another provider from the same



medical group. Your Committee therefore believes that allowing limited telehealth prescribing under specific conditions is a reasonable accommodation for patients with legitimate pain management needs while maintaining appropriate controls to prevent misuse.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 951, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



JARRETT LEOHOKALO, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">HB 951 HD2 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">HHS, CPN</div>	Date: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">3/27/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"				✓
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 10px;">Carol Fukunaga</div>				
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