

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2882

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2882
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to continue the provision of
mail-order prescriptions for controlled substances by clarifying
that an individual may be identified by a unique patient
identifier assigned to the individual by the payor or pharmacy
benefit manager.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Medco and Express Scripts. Hawaii Medical Service
Association submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that current law in Hawaii requires a
patient using a mail service pharmacy for discounted medications
to provide that pharmacy with a copy of a government issued
identification or social security number. This is problematic
because pharmacies and health plans are not allowed to use social
security numbers for patient identification.

Your Committee further finds that forty-nine states already
have provisions in place that enable mail-order prescriptions for
controlled substances by individuals with a unique patient
identifier. Since 1999, companies such as Medco, have been
providing mail-order prescription service to residents of Hawaii.

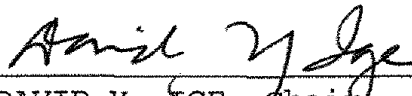


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including insurers as those able to assign unique patient identifiers;
- (2) Defining "mail order pharmacy";
- (3) Clarifying that a patient properly enrolled in a mail order prescription drug plan is "known to" the mail order pharmacist; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2882, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2882, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	5			0

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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