STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1026 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii **FC 29**, 2008 RE: H.B. No. 7 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2008 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 7 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE I-SAVERX PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase access to affordable prescription drugs by requiring the Governor, no later than January 1, 2008, to enter into a written agreement that allows Hawaii residents to participate in the I-SaveRx prescription drug program (Program) by July 1, 2008.

ILWU Local 142, Kokua Council, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, and the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans supported this bill. The Department of Human Services and Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America opposed this measure. The Attorney General submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

 Requiring the Governor to enter into the written agreement no later than January 1, 2009, instead of January 1, 2008, and requiring that the Program be available to Hawaii residents by July 1, 2009, instead of July 1, 2008; and



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(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 7, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 7, H.D. 1.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

	ee Referral: F I N		Date: 2-27-2008		
 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision 					
The recommendation is to:□Pass, unamended□Pass short form b		ss, with amendments (mmit for future public			
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	V				
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	L		an an la tha tha gun ann an an tha		
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani					
4. BELATTI, Della Au					
5. BROWER, Tom					
6. CARROLL, Mele				~	
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.					
8. HAR, Sharon E.				~	
9. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki					
10. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	V				
11. MANAHAN, Joey	\checkmark				
12. MIZUNO, John	~				
13. NAKASONE, Bob					
14. RHOADS, Karl	~				
15. SAGUM, Roland D., III	~				
16. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	~				
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose		r		T	
18. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		~			
19. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.					
TOTAL (19)	12	2	0	5	
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral,	Not Adopt committee acronyme	did not suppor	rt recommendation	1.	
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	Maily	vB.Le	e		
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