

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2797
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2797
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS IN
MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make permanent the provisions of Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, that required an individual insured under QUEST, QUEST Expanded Access, or a fee-for-service program administered by the Department of Human Services to make two unsuccessful attempts at treatment with generic psychotropic medications before the Department of Human Services may cover a brand-name medication for a new prescription.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ohana Heath Plan and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the number of individuals who require treatment for mental health issues is increasing and that prescription medications, including psychotropic drugs, have become increasingly expensive. With the difficult economic climate, alternatives, including generic equivalents to name-brand medications, must be explored to implement cost-saving measures while preserving an appropriate level of care.

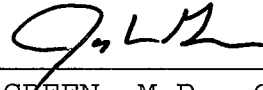
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to allow for further discussion; 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 Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2797, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2797, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2797</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HTH, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/19/12</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small></div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	7	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">Clarence K Nishihara</div>				
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