

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

596

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 667  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 667  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to mitigate the risk of  
addiction, overdose, and death associated with use of prescription  
opioids by:

- (1) Requiring execution of an agreement documenting informed  
consent for treatment protocol between a patient and a  
medical practitioner who prescribes opioids in  
circumstances that carry a heightened risk of  
dependency; and
- (2) Limiting initial prescriptions for opioids to no more  
than a seven-day supply.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Early Childhood Action Strategy and an individual. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
The Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i. The Department of Public Safety,  
Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii College of Emergency  
Physicians, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii Maternal and Infant

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Health Collaborative, The Queen's Health Systems, and Academy of Integrative Pain Management submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing an initial prescription of more than a seven-day supply of opioids for treatment of pain associated with a cancer diagnosis or pain experienced by a patient who is in palliative or hospice treatment, subject to documentation requirements;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2090, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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 H.B. No. 667, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 667, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



