

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1612

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 18 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 164  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred H.C.R. No. 164 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH ESTABLISH AND CONVENE A MEDICATION SYNCHRONIZATION  
WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE AND PROPOSE LEGISLATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to consider the  
benefits of medication synchronization by requesting the Director  
of Health to convene a medication synchronization working group to  
explore and propose legislation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of  
Hawai'i at Hilo, Hawaii Pharmacists Association, Walgreen Company,  
CVS Health/Longs Drugs, Times Pharmacy, Kaiser Permanente, and one  
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from  
the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that many states across the country are  
approving medication synchronization for commercial patients.  
Your Committee further finds that medication synchronization has  
the potential to improve patient health, reduce costs to insurers,  
and promote efficient workflow in pharmacies by allowing  
pharmacists and patients to work together to synchronize a  
patient's medications for pick-up on the same day each month.



Furthermore, studies demonstrate that appointment-based medication synchronization can significantly improve medication adherence rates. Your Committee notes that medication synchronization also has the potential to simplify therapeutic regimes and improve access to care for patients living in rural areas or patients with limited means of transportation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to add Kaiser Permanente to the working group;
- (2) Making a technical amendment to its title; and
- (3) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 164, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 164, S.D. 1.

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



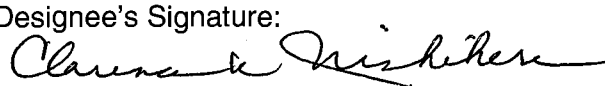
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HCR 164</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH</b>	Date: <b>4/12/17</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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