

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1291

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2021

RE: H.C.R. No. 86
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 86 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR, HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND, AND MED-QUEST DIVISION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF RELYING ON A SINGLE PROVIDER TO FULFILL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Auditor, Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, and Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services provide information to the Legislature regarding the costs and benefits of relying on a single provider to fulfill prescription medication.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services, Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, and Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (Trust Fund) recently executed a contract that provides for only a single United States mainland-based pharmacy provider to fulfill pharmacy benefits for Trust Fund members enrolled in Preferred Provider Organization plans. Your Committee

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further finds that this contract may have significant adverse consequences, including forcing smaller community pharmacies to lose business, increasing costs to Trust Fund members who live in areas that do not have convenient access to the single provider.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language clarifying the Trust Fund's contract for pharmacy benefits for its beneficiaries and the ability of Trust Fund beneficiaries to fill prescriptions across the State;
- (2) Removing language discussing the impact of the Trust Fund's contract with a pharmacy benefit manager on smaller community pharmacies;
- (3) Clarifying that the Trust Fund is urged to request pharmacy providers to provide certain information to the Trust Fund on medication dispensed to Trust Fund beneficiaries;
- (4) Clarifying that the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services, rather than pharmacy providers, is urged to collect certain information on medication dispensed to Med-QUEST beneficiaries by pharmacy providers; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 86, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 86, H.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health, Human
Services, & Homelessness,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan I. Yamane', written over a horizontal line.

RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 86	Committee Referral: HHH, CSC	Date: 3/23/21		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	/			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	/			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				/
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
8. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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