

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3755

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR - 6 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2340
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the definition of "address" in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make post office boxes and rural and highway contract route boxes permissible for a prescription to be considered valid, on the condition that a physical address is readily accessible.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Kaiser Permanente and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Pharmacy.

Your Committee finds that the number of prescriptions pharmacists receive with post office box addresses is significant, particularly on the neighbor islands. Your Committee further finds that, under existing law, if a controlled substance prescription has a post office box address, pharmacists are required to verify a patient's identification, note the identification number on the prescription, and change the address to a physical location, such as a street address, tax map key, or description of the physical location. Your Committee additionally



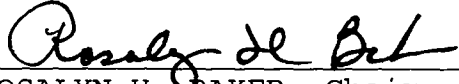
finds permitting post office box and rural and highway contract route box addresses to be used as an option for prescriptions, as long as the physical location where an individual resides is on file, would reduce an unnecessary administrative burden on pharmacists and allow them to better focus on the needs of patients.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2022; 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 Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2340, HD2, SD2	HTH, CPN	03-29-2021		
<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)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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