

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1066-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1643
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a framework for
the administration of audits on records of pharmacists and
pharmacies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Board of Pharmacy; Molokai Drugs, Inc.; Hawai'i
Pharmacists Association; and six individuals. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Health;
Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Kaiser Permanente Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that pharmacies across the State face
inconsistent, burdensome, and disruptive audit practices that vary
widely in notice timelines, documentation expectations, and the
scope of permissible recoupments. These inconsistent standards
can strain pharmacy operations, divert staff resources away from
patient care, and create uncertainty in how audits are initiated,
conducted, and resolved. This measure seeks to ensure that
oversight activities remain effective while safeguarding patient
safety and ensuring continuity of care during audit proceedings.

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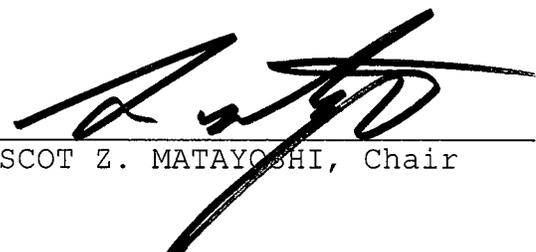


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring audit requests to be made in writing and include a requirement that the registered pharmacist or pharmacy provide a signature acknowledging receipt of the audit notice;
- (2) Specifying that recoupment of claims shall only be applied to prescriptions disclosed in the audit and cannot be applied to other prescriptions;
- (3) Authorizing a registered pharmacist or pharmacy to reverse or rebill prescriptions due to clerical changes during the correction time frame of the audit;
- (4) Prohibiting auditors from entering the prescription department, rather than authorizing auditors to enter when accompanied or authorized by a member of the pharmacy staff;
- (5) Exempting the Department of Health from the requirements of this measure; and
- (6) 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 Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 2.

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


SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



