

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **6774**-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2164
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2164
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to define compounded
prescription drugs for the purposes of Worker's Compensation Law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii
Insurers Council; Aloha Billing Company; Work Injury Medical
Association of Hawai'i; Hawaii Injured Workers Association; Kathy
Plack Medical Billing; Hawaii Injury Recovery Center, Inc.;
Marshall H Orr Jr MS MPT LLC; Carol Ann Orr MD LLV; and three
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development;
Solera Integrated Medical Solutions; and Premier Medical Group
Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
Nubrotori RX.

Your Committee finds that workers' compensation systems rely
on clear standards to keep costs predictable for employers while
ensuring injured workers receive appropriate and safe medical
care. Your Committee further finds that compounded prescription
drugs can be clinically necessary when FDA-approved medications

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are unsuitable, but inconsistent definitions at the state level have created confusion regarding their proper use and safety requirements. Your Committee believes that aligning state law with federal compounding standards will strengthen patient safety, improve regulatory consistency, and ensure injured workers have access to individualized medications when medically appropriate.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the reference to a licensed physician within the meaning of a "compounded prescription drug" in regards to whom may compound the drug product;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2164, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2164, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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


JACKSON D. SAYAN, Chair



