

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 24, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2157  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2157, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the right of a pain patient to be prescribed controlled substances to relieve pain.

Specifically, this measure adds to the pain patient's bill of rights a provision that the relief of pain shall be guided by the medical principle that physical tolerance and dependence are normal consequences of sustained use of opiate medication, distinguishable from psychological dependency or addiction. This measure also provides that patients suffering severe acute or chronic pain shall be entitled to receive a prescription of opiate medication, if requested by the patient; provided that the patient is not addicted to the opiate and the opiate is appropriate for treatment.



Furthermore, this measure extends the length of time for a schedule II controlled substance prescription to be filled from three to seven days after the prescription is issued to the patient.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting reference in the purpose section to controlling pain from disease and chronic conditions, and references to a 1999 survey and a research publication; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2157, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2157, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

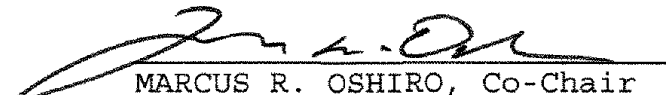
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

  
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