

Honolulu, Hawaii  
FCL9 , 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1993  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1993  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEPSYCHIATRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the availability of  
mental health care services for patients statewide by establishing  
and appropriating funds for a one-year pilot telepsychiatry  
project at the University of Hawaii to serve certain locations  
around the state.

The Hawaii Psychological Association, Hawaii Health Systems  
Corporation, and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association testified  
in support of this measure.

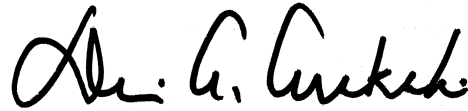
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the amount of the appropriation to \$1 to  
facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,  
consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1993, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1993, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



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DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



