STAND. COM. REP. NO. **507** -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe-17, 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 Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1993, H.D. 1, 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this bill from the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association and a psychiatrist in private practice.

Your Committee believes that this bill represents a step forward in rectifying the lack of access to mental health services in certain areas of the State by demonstrating the efficiency of telepsychiatry as a means of providing those services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1993, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education,

TOMMY WATERS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:			
HB 1993, HDI, CHSCR 166-06	1 FEBR	UARY 14,	2006	
Committee Referral:	☐ The cor	☐ The committee is reconsidering its		
HUT, HED, FIN	previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments				
☐ Hold	Recommit			
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WATERS, Tommy (C)				
2. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (VC)				
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.				
4. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				·
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				<u> </u>
6. CHANG, Jerry L.				
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.				
8. HALE, Heléne H.				
9. HARBIN, Bev				
18. TAKUMI, Roy M.	س			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn				
TOTAL	9	0	0	3
The recommendation is: Adopted	/			
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☐ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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