

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2227  
S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2227, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish conditions for  
reimbursement of telehealth services.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the  
Department of Health (with recommended changes), the Department of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Hawaii Medical Service  
Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Psychological  
Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that over the past eight years, the  
telehealth statute has aided health care providers to serve people  
statewide through direct interaction and consultation, but that  
updating is required to ensure that a broadened scope of  
telehealth activities will be covered for reimbursement.

Your Committee has made technical, nonsubstantive amendments  
for purposes of consistency with existing statutory language.

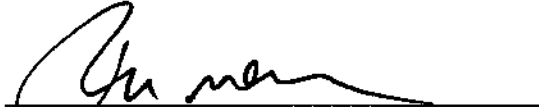
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is  
attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the  
intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2227, S.D. 1, as amended herein,



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and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2227, S.D. 2.

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



RON MENOR, Chair



