

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**532**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1674  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1674  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the use  
telecommunication technology while providing quality radiological  
services for Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure allows medical practitioners in  
radiology licensed to practice in another state, to provide  
radiology services by telemedicine while in Hawaii to a patient  
who is located in the state by which the medical practitioner is  
licensed to practice radiology.

The measure also makes numerous technical, nonsubstantive  
amendments to the laws relating to the practice of medicine and  
surgery and radiologic technology.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Maui Economic Development Board, Inc. and The Pacific  
Resource Partnership. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. The  
Board of Medical Examiners submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that this is a housekeeping measure that  
enables radiologists to practice radiology via telecommunications  
to patients from this State to the state of licensure. Your

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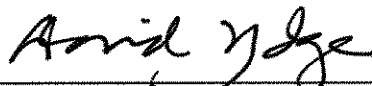
Committee believes that radiologists should not be required to obtain Hawaii licensure if services are not being provided to patients in the State.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the references to "medical practitioners in radiology" and inserting "radiologists duly licensed to practice medicine", for clarification because physicians are not licensed by specialty; and
- (2) Clarifying that "radiologist" means a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy certified in radiology by the American Board of Radiology or the American Board of Osteopathy.

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 S.B. No. 1674, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1674, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing.

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



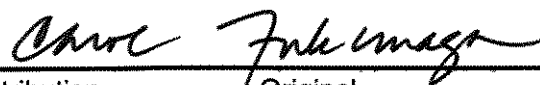
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1674	Committee Referral: HTH, CPH	Date: 2/14/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron	✓			
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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