

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 119
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 119
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO
REVIEW THE POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF THE CURRENT PRACTICES AND
EQUIPMENT OF HAWAII'S TELEMEDICINE SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to improve access to
medical care statewide by requesting the Department of Health
(DOH) to form a task force to explore the feasibility of further
implementation of Hawaii's telemedicine system for the greater
benefit of the people of the state.

The University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine
(JABSOM), Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Hawaii Primary Care
Association, American Telemedicine Association, Hawaii Pacific
Health, and several concerned individuals supported this
resolution. DOH supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii
Psychiatric Medical Association supported this resolution with
amendments. The Hawaii Medical Service Association and a
concerned individual submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

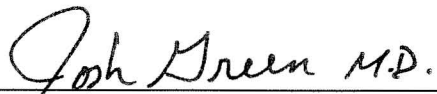
- (1) Requesting JABSOM's Telehealth Research Institute to
form a task force to explore the feasibility of further
implementation of the Hawaii's telemedicine system;



- (2) Expanding the task force to include the input from a broader consortium of health care organizations;
- (3) Requesting the task force to look further into issues brought to light by the November 15, 2007, Hawaii Telehealth Collaborative Symposium; and
- (4) Amending its title to read: "REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S TELEHEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF THE CURRENT PRACTICES AND EQUIPMENT OF HAWAII'S TELEMEDICINE SYSTEM"; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 119, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 119, H.D. 1.

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



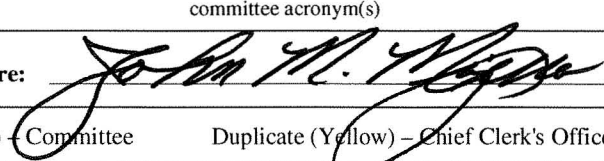
JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 119	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date: 3-19-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C)	✓			
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
5. BERTRAM, Joe, III	✓			
6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	✓			
7. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.				✓
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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