

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 808

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 808
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure efficient and
appropriate access to health care statewide and to ease the strain
on hospital emergency room care for non-emergency illnesses by:

- (1) Clarifying that telemedicine is in a physician's scope
of practice and is authorized in Hawaii when practiced
by a licensed physician providing services to patients;
and
- (2) Further clarifying the current laws regarding telehealth
to ensure compliance with changes made to the law
regulating the practice of medicine.

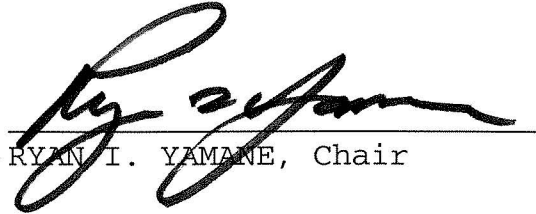
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Hawaii
Medical Service Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, and a
concerned individual supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical
Board submitted comments.

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. 808
and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the
Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



