

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1040

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1676  
S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 1676, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure access to health care services in Hawaii's rural and medically underserved areas by clarifying that:

- (1) Telehealth is within the scope of a physician's practice; and
- (2) A provider-patient relationship may be established through telehealth where the provider is licensed to practice medicine in this state.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and MDX Hawaii supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Association opposed this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and its Regulated Industries Complaints Office and 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 S.B. No. 1676, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be

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referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and  
Judiciary.

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

  
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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 1676 SD 2	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HLT, CPC/JUD	<b>Date:</b> 03-17-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
<b>HLT Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	/			
5. BROWER, Tom	/			
6. CARROLL, Mele				/
7. MIZUNO, John M.	/			
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
9. FINNEGAN, Lynn				/
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	6			3
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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