

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 1, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2491
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 2, H.D. 1,
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure greater access to
health care by:

- (1) Providing that telemedicine may be included within the
defined scope of the practice of medicine; and
- (2) Requiring insurers offering medical malpractice
insurance coverage to also cover telemedicine services.

The American Cancer Society and the Hawaii State Rural Health
Association supported this bill. The Hawaii Medical Service
Association supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii
Medical Association and The Doctors Company opposed this bill.
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted
comments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your
Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that
are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with



the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary,



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



