

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2139

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2010

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

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2491
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify telemedicine as a
practice of medicine and to require insurers offering medical
malpractice insurance coverage to also cover telemedicine.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Medical Service Association. Your Committee
received testimony in support of the intent of this measure with
amendments from the Hawaii Medical Association. Testimony
commenting on this measure was submitted by the Department of
Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Hawaii Medical Board deferred
taking a position on the measure, stating that it would discuss
the measure at its next meeting. Written testimony presented to
the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that telemedicine is a recent innovation
in the practice of medicine and may expand access to healthcare in
rural areas that historically have a shortage of physicians.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the
effective date to July 1, 2010, to encourage further discussion on
this matter.



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. 2491, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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

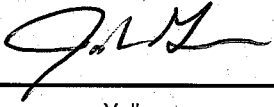


DAVID Y. IGE Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2491	Committee Referral: HTH, CPN	Date: 2/5/10		
<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)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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