

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2418

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

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

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 1, 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 cover telemedicine.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association and the Hawaii State Rural Health Association. Testimony in support of the intent of this measure with amendments was received from the Hawaii Medical Association. Testimony commenting on this measure was received from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

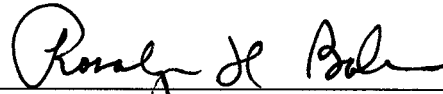
Your Committee finds that this measure clarifies that telemedicine is an acceptable medium for the practice of medicine and ensures that it is included in the list of practices that liability insurance covers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive change to ensure clarity and accuracy in the language of this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



