

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2411
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2411
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve access to health
care services in Hawaii by:

- (1) Requiring reimbursement for services provided through
telehealth to be equivalent to reimbursement for the
same services provided via face-to-face contact between
a health care provider and a patient;
- (2) Clarifying that a health care provider of telehealth
includes primary care providers, mental health
providers, and oral health providers; and
- (3) Replacing references to "telemedicine" with "telehealth"
throughout the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Office of The Governor, Department of Health, State
Council on Developmental Disabilities, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation, Hawaii Medical Association, Hawaii State Center for
Nursing, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, The Queen's
Health Systems, American Organization of Nurse Executives -
Hawaii, Community Alliance for Mental Health, United Self Help,

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Hawaii Pacific Health, and several individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. An individual provided testimony in opposition to this measure. The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Medical Board, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and an individual provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests that your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce consider whether insurance plans would be able to reconcile current practices in telehealth and telemedicine with the changes proposed in this measure.

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. 2411, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2411, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2411</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, CPC</i>	Date: <i>2/12/14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele				✓
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				✓
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>				
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