

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2469  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure to improve access to health care  
services in the State by, among other things:

- (1) Requiring equivalent insurance reimbursement for  
services provided by a health care provider to a  
patient, regardless of whether the service is provided  
through telehealth or via face-to-face contact between a  
health care provider and patient;
- (2) Clarifying the definition of health care provider for  
telehealth purposes; and
- (3) Replacing references to "telemedicine" with "telehealth"  
and clarifying the definition of "telehealth" throughout  
the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the  
Governor; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; State Council on  
Developmental Disabilities; Department of Health; Hawaii Medical  
Service Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii

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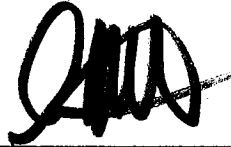


State Center for Nursing; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawaii Pacific Health; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; American Association of Nurse Practitioners; and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Human Services and the Hawaii Medical Board commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that a provider of telehealth includes primary care providers, mental health providers, physicians and osteopathic physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, psychologists, and dentists.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2469, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



