

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 548
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 548, 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 enhance accessibility to medical services for members of the armed services in Hawaii by allowing certain individuals to provide direct telemedicine support or services to neighbor island beneficiaries within a Hawaii National Guard armory on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai, or Maui. Specifically, this bill exempts from the licensing requirement to provide direct telemedicine support or services in the State:

- (1) Any commissioned medical officer or commissioned behavioral health professional employed by the United States Department of Defense, who is employed by the United States Department of Defense and credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center; and
- (2) Any civilian behavioral health professional who is otherwise licensed under Hawaii law as a marriage and family therapist; a mental health counselor; or a psychologist and who is employed by the United States

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Department of Defense and credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center.

The State Adjutant General and Department of the State of Hawaii-Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Psychiatric Association testified in opposition to this bill. The Hawaii Medical Board and Board of Psychology provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the scope of the exemption from licensure to provide direct telemedicine support or services to neighbor island beneficiaries to commissioned medical officers employed by the United States Department of Defense, who are credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Health.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,



K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: <u>SB548, SDI</u>	Committee Referral: <u>VMI, HLT, CPC</u>	Date: <u>3/13/13</u>		
<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)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.		✓		
5. CHOY, Isaac W.				✓
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (10)	7	1		2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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