Honolulu, Hawaii

ELG , 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1993 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1993 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEPSYCHIATRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the availability of mental health care services for patients statewide by establishing and appropriating funds for a one-year pilot telepsychiatry project at the University of Hawaii to serve certain locations around the state.

The Hawaii Psychological Association, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the amount of the appropriation to \$1 to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1993, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1993, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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

DENNIS A ARAKAKI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.:	1993	Date:	02/66/06	9		
Committee Referral: HLT, HED, FIN		☐ The conprevio	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to:	Pays, unamended		ass, with amendment	s		
	☐ Hold	□ R	ecommit			
HLT Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	(C)	/				
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)						
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.					'	
4. HALE, Heléne H.						
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.						
6. SONSON, Alex M.7. HALFORD, Chris			TO N. BIBLE TO A SUPPLIES AND A PROBLEM SERVICE OF THE RES			
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The recommendation is:	Adopted					
	☐ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's sig						
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