STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2612

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2227

S.D. 2

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2227, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish conditions for reimbursement of telehealth services.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Department of Health (with recommended changes), the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Hawaii Medical Service Association, Hawaii Pacific Health, Hawaii Psychological Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that over the past eight years, the telehealth statute has aided health care providers to serve people statewide through direct interaction and consultation, but that updating is required to ensure that a broadened scope of telehealth activities will be covered for reimbursement.

Your Committee has made technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of consistency with existing statutory language.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2227, S.D. 1, as amended herein,



and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2227, S.D. 2.

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

RON MENOR, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2227SD1 Committee Referral: HTH/MAT, CPH 3-1-06				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is to:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
MENOR, Ron (C)	<i></i>			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)				
ESPERO, Will IGE, David Y				
SAKAMOTO, Norman				
HOGUE, Bob				
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TOTAL	5			1
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Kasaly H. Bok				
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.