STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2418

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2491

S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2491, 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 clarify telemedicine as a practice of medicine and to require insurers offering medical malpractice insurance coverage to cover telemedicine.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association and the Hawaii State Rural Health Association. Testimony in support of the intent of this measure with amendments was received from the Hawaii Medical Association. Testimony commenting on this measure was received from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure clarifies that telemedicine is an acceptable medium for the practice of medicine and ensures that it is included in the list of practices that liability insurance covers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive change to ensure clarity and accuracy in the language of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2491, S.D. 2.

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

ROSALYN H BAKER, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection CPN

SB2491 SD1	Committee Referral:		Date: 2 19 10		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members	Ayı	Aye (W	/R) Nay	Excused	
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)					
IGE, David Y. (VC)					
ESPERO, Will					
GREEN, M.D., Josh					
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓ ✓				
SAKAMOTO, Norman					
HEMMINGS, Fred					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature					
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