

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1526

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1272
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1272, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPROVING ACCESS TO
PSYCHIATRIC CARE FOR MEDICAID PATIENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to specify that coverage for telehealth under the State's Medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs includes psychiatric services delivered via telehealth through a behavioral health care manager who is present in a primary health care provider's office.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from The Queen's Health Systems, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, American Psychiatric Association, and one individual.

The Department of Human Services, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Psychological Association submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow more patients to receive the psychiatric care they need in a timely and efficient manner. Your Committee notes, however, the concerns raised by the Hawaii Medical Service Association in its written



comments with respect to including "licensed counselor" in the definition of "behavioral health care manager." Your Committee recommends that the lead committee chair for the Senate address these concerns during conference on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1272, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

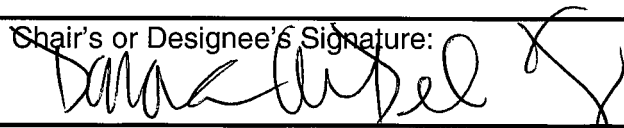


JILL N. TORUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1272, HD1, SD1	HMS/CPH, WAM	3/28/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	7			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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