

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 04, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1980
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1980, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEPHONIC SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit, but not require, Medicaid, health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to cover telephonic behavioral health services under certain circumstances; and
- (2) Clarify that telephonic services do not constitute telehealth.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Communication Access Board, John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Hawaii Medical Service Association, and Hawaii Medical Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Human Services, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, AARP Hawai'i, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Hawai'i Psychological Association, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, National



Association of Social Workers-Hawai'i, The Queen's Health Systems,
The Hawaiian Islands Association for Marriage and Family Therapy,
and Hawaii Association of Health Plans.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.
1980, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



State of Hawaii
 House of Representatives
 The Thirty-first Legislature

HSCR 859-22

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1980 HD2	Committee Referral: HHH, CPC, FIN	Date: 2-24-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	/			
3. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana	/			
4. ELI, Stacelynn K.M.	/			
5. HOLT, Daniel	/			
6. ILAGAN, Greggor	/			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	/			
9. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
10. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
11. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	/			
12. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
13. TODD, Chris	/			
14. WILDBERGER, Tina	/			
15. McDERMOTT, Bob				/
TOTAL (15)	14			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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