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Comments:

Aloha Senators. I whole heartedly agree that training workshops need to be made for our Kapuna and their caregivers on purchasing and operating equipment to access telehealth services. When I moved to Hawaii four years ago, our home did not even have cable or any kind of lines in place for broadband internet service. This was one of the first things we upgraded when we moved here. The home was inhabited prior by my mother and father in law who are today ninety-two and ninety-three.

Many of our Kapuna have never used modern technological advances and have health issues that make it difficult for them to use the new technology. With difficulties due to arthritis, neuropathies, hearing and vision, technology can be frustrating to use. However, the use of technology can be helpful for accessing healthcare services and limiting their exposure to airborne illnesses such as COVID-19.

By having standard training workshops with information on appropriate technologies and broadband connectivity, this can help our Kapuna be successful with telehealth and the use of technology while decreasing their exposure to COVID-19 and other viral illnesses in hospitals and waiting rooms when hands on care is not necessary in the provision of their healthcare needs.

Much Mahalo for your time.