STAND. COM. REP. NO. 749 -26

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2558
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2558 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand telehealth services to Hawaii residents by providing temporary licensure to physicians who perform certain medical treatments out-of-state via telehealth.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; AlohaCare; Hawaiian Islands Republican Women; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Hawaii Medical Association.

Your Committee finds that state residents face critical health care gaps, particularly those on neighbor islands and those battling complex medical conditions for which specialty care may be locally unavailable. This measure allows residents to access

telemedicine services from out-of-state physicians to address critical health care needs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Deleting the proviso specifying that the performance of telemedicine services not otherwise violate state law;

(2) Inserting language requiring a physician licensed in the State to supervise the provision of telemedicine services by an out-of-state physician;

(3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2558, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2558, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health.
Committee on Health,

GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 2558	HLT, CPC	2/11/26

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	X			
TOTAL (9)	9			

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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