

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2042**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2891

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2891 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create and appropriate funds for a pilot program to increase provider adoption of telehealth, support health care workforce development linked to telehealth, and evaluate the clinical and administrative efficiency of telehealth.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from County of Hawaii, Office of the Mayor; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Wahiawa Center for Community Health; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Procurement Office.

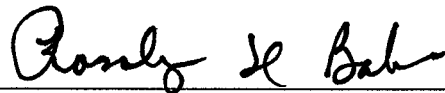
Your Committee finds that many residents, especially those in rural areas, are unable to visit a health center in person, whether because of limited financial resources, lack of transportation, disability, or other reasons. This lack of access is exacerbated by the severe shortage of health care professionals, especially in rural areas. Your Committee finds that the telehealth pilot program proposed by this measure presents an opportunity to increase adoption of the use of telehealth by providers and patients and an opportunity to



evaluate the effectiveness of telehealth and how to implement it on a larger scale.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2891 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

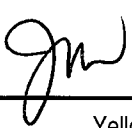


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2891</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">CPH, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/1/2018</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 100px;">  </div>				
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