

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1667

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

APR 07

RE: S.B. No. 970  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 970, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the establishment of a physician-patient relationship via a telehealth interaction, if the physician is licensed to practice medicine in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Medical Board, Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest and Hawaii, AARP Hawai'i, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Hawai'i Public Health Association, Hawai'i Pacific Health, The Queen's Health Systems, Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

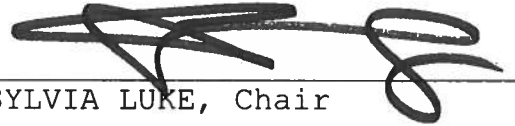
- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2021; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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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 S.B. No. 970, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 970, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB 970, SD2, HD1</i>		Committee Referral: <i>PDP/HHH, CPC, FIN</i>		Date: <i>3-31-2021</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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.	CULLEN, Ty J.K. (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.	WILDBERGER, Tina	✓			
14.	YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15.	McDERMOTT, Bob				✓
TOTAL (15)		<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
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: <i>[Signature]</i>					
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