The Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center provides telehealth technical assistance to the state of Hawaii and US affiliated Pacific Islands.

A few notes about this report:

1. Bills are organized into specific telehealth "topic area".
2. The Fiscal Note (FN) Outlook: The left hand column indicates the bill's Pre-Floor Score, and the right hand column indicates the bill's actual Floor Score of the last chamber it was in (either Senate or House).
3. Regulations are listed at the end in order of their publication date.
4. If you would like to learn more about any piece of legislation or regulation, the bill numbers and regulation titles are clickable and link out to additional information.

Bills by Topic

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**Title**
Relating To Telecommunications.

**Description**
Facilitates the deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure in Hawaii; allows small wireless facilities to be placed on state and county utility poles, structures and on light standards, subject to rates, terms, and conditions.

**Bill Summary:** Facilitates the deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure in Hawaii; allows small wireless facilities to be placed on state and county utility poles, structures and on light standards, subject to rates, terms, and conditions.

**Introduction Date:** 2017-01-25

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**Title**
Relating To Technology.

**Description**
Establishes a Broadband Task Force to create a statewide broadband plan. (SB1201 HD3)

**Primary Sponsors**
Glenn S. Wakai, Lorraine Rodero Inouye

**Bill Summary:** Specifies that the State and counties cannot prohibit, regulate, or charge for the co-location of small wireless facilities or small wireless facilities networks beyond the provisions of this Act; provides various state and county zoning rules and classifications regarding the co-location of small wireless facilities and small wireless facilities networks; describes the application process and rates for co-location.

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**Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (2)**

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**Title**
Relating To Telehealth.

**Description**
Requires the Department of Health to conduct a telehealth pilot project and publish an evaluation report on the pilot project outcomes. Exempts the pilot project from the State Procurement Code for a period of twelve months. Clarifies that the period of performance of all procurements made during this temporary exemption does not exceed the term of the pilot project. (SB2891 HD2)

**Bill Summary:** Appropriates funds for the Department of Health to conduct a telehealth pilot project.

**Introduction Date:** 2018-01-24
### Title

**Relating To Dental Health.**

**Description**

Supports the sustainability of the Hawaii virtual dental home pilot projects by ensuring providers who use certain telehealth procedures and apply caries arresting medications are reimbursed for doing so and clarifying that, for purposes of billing and payment, procedures performed using certain telehealth technologies are equivalent to those procedures performed in person.

**Primary Sponsors**

Rosalyn H. Baker, William C. Espero, Lorraine Rodero Inouye, Gilbert S. Coloma Keith-Agaran, Michelle N. Kidani, Russell E. Ruderman

**Bill Summary:** Supports the sustainability of the Hawaii virtual dental home pilot projects by ensuring providers who use certain telehealth procedures and apply caries arresting medications are reimbursed for doing so and clarifying that, for purposes of billing and payment, procedures performed using certain telehealth technologies are equivalent to those procedures performed in person.

**Introduction Date:** 2018-01-24

### Network Adequacy (1)

**Bill Number:** SB 3010

**Last Action:** The Committee On Cph Deferred The Measure 2018 02 05

**State:** HI

**Title**

Relating To Health Insurance.

**Description**

Requires a health carrier with a network plan to maintain a network that provides sufficient practitioners and services to meet the needs of the enrollees or members. (HB914 HD1)

**Primary Sponsors**

Della Au Belatti, Thomas Michael Brower, Cynthia Frances Wood Evans, Bertrand Y. Kobayashi, Angus L.K. McKelvey, John M. Mizuno, Daynette S.P. Morikawa, Gregg T. Takayama, Roy Mitsuo Takumi

**Bill Summary:** Creates Health Benefit Plan Network and Access and Adequacy standards. The text defines telehealth, and requires health carriers to describe in their access plan their network, including how the use of telehealth or other technology may be used to meet network access standards, if applicable.

**Introduction Date:** 2017-01-25

### Provider-Patient Relationship (3)
Title
Relating To Cannabis For Medical Use.

Description
Establishes standards and criteria for reciprocity for qualifying out-of-state medical cannabis patients and caregivers including limitations, and safeguards. Authorizes extension of written certifications of a debilitating condition for up to three years for chronic conditions. Clarifies a dispensary licensee's right to retest marijuana or manufactured cannabis products for compliance with standards. Authorizes establishment of a bona fide provider-patient relationship via telehealth. Authorizes dispensing of devices that provide safe pulmonary administration of medical cannabis by dispensary licensees. Increases the allowable tetrahydrocannabinol limit for certain manufactured cannabis products. Limits felony convictions that disqualify an individual from employment with a dispensary licensee. Establishes a working group to make recommendations regarding employment of qualifying patients and manufacture and dispensing of edible cannabis products.

Primary Sponsors
John M. Mizuno, Della Au Belatti, Thomas Michael Brower, Cynthia Frances Wood Evans, Christopher Kalani C. Lee, Angus L.K. McKelvey, Scott Y. Nishimoto

Bill Summary: Amends the reciprocity program, subject to certain safeguards, reporting and transparency requirements, and payment of a visiting patient certifying fee; extends the maximum period of validity of a qualifying patient's written certification of a debilitating medical condition; allows a Bona fide physician-patient or advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship to be established via telehealth; adds certain devices that provide safe pulmonary administration to the list of medical cannabis.

Introduction Date: 2018-01-24

State
HI

Bill Number
HB 2729

Last Action
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State
HI

Bill Number
HB 2733

Last Action
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Status
Failed sine die

Title
Relating To Medical Cannabis.

Description
Medical Cannabis Omnibus Bill. Extends the time that a qualifying patient’s certification is valid. Acknowledges patient-relationship in practice of telehealth. Allows for safe inhalation of cannabis products in prescribed devices. Increases the tetrahydrocannabinol limit per package. Exempts background checks of employees under certain conditions. Establishes a reciprocity program for visiting patients.

Primary Sponsors
John M. Mizuno, Della Au Belatti, Thomas Michael Brower, Cynthia Frances Wood Evans, Christopher Kalani C. Lee, Angus L.K. McKelvey

Bill Summary: Provides for the Medical Cannabis Omnibus Bill; extends the time that a qualifying patient's certification is valid; acknowledges patient-relationship in practice of telehealth; allows for safe inhalation of cannabis products in prescribed devices; increases the tetrahydrocannabinol limit per package; exempts background checks of employees under certain conditions; establishes a reciprocity program for visiting patients.

Introduction Date: 2018-01-24
Relating To Cannabis For Medical Use.

Description
Allows a bona fide physician-patient or advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship to be established via telehealth. Adds certain devices that provide safe pulmonary administration to the list of medical cannabis products that may be manufactured and distributed. Increases the tetrahydrocannabinol limit per pack or container of certain manufactured cannabis products up to the existing statutory dispensing limits. (SD1)

Bill Summary: Specifies that a physician-patient relationship or bona fide APRN-patient relationship may be established via telehealth.

Introduction Date: 2018-01-24

Medicaid Reimbursement (2)

Relating To Improving Access To Psychiatric Care For Medicaid Patients.

Description
Specifies that coverage for telehealth under the State's Medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs includes psychiatric services provided through a coordinated care manager who is present in a primary health care provider's office through telehealth.

Takes effect 7/1/2075. (SD1)

Primary Sponsors

Bill Summary: Specifies that coverage for telehealth under the State's Medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs includes psychiatric services provided through a coordinated care manager who is present in a primary health care provider's office through telehealth.

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**Title**
Relating To Improving Access To Psychiatric Care For Medicaid Patients.

**Description**
Specifies that coverage for telehealth under the State's Medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs includes psychiatric services provided by a collaborative care team consisting of a primary care provider, a behavioral health care manager who is present in the primary care provider's office, and a psychiatric consultant whose services may be delivered through telehealth. (SD1)

**Primary Sponsors**
Clarence K. Nishihara

**Bill Summary:** Specifies that coverage for telehealth under the State's Medicaid managed care and fee-for-service programs includes psychiatric services provided through a coordinated care manager who is present in a primary health care provider's office through telehealth.

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**Title**
Making An Appropriation To The Department Of Health For An Echo Program.

**Description**
Makes an appropriation to the department of health to implement and administer an ECHO program to provide the same level of healthcare to rural patients with chronic diseases as can be obtained in an urban setting.

**Primary Sponsors**
Joshua B. Green

**Bill Summary:** Makes an appropriation to the Department of Health to implement and administer an ECHO program to provide the same level of healthcare to rural patients with chronic diseases as can be obtained in an urban setting.

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