Pacific Basin TRC Feb. 2020 Legislative Update

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

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 Issue

Bills by Status

All Bills

Broadband (1)
Title
Relating To Broadband Development.

Description
Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for cable landing infrastructure. Takes effect on 7/1/2112. (HD1)

Primary Sponsors
Angus McKelvey, Tom Brower, Lisa Kitagawa, Sam Kong, Chris Lee, Nicole Lowen, Takashi Ohno, Gene Ward

Bill Summary: Establishes the Executive Office on Broadband Development and the Hawaii Broadband Advisory Council. Directs the council to promote statewide access to broadband services and encourage the use of broadband for telehealth, among other goals.

Cross-State Licensing (2)

Title
Relating To Nurses.

Description
Establishes a study to identify issues that may arise if the State joins the Nurse Licensure Compact. (HB1363 HD2)

Primary Sponsors
Roy Takumi, Linda Ichiyama

Bill Summary: Adopts the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Title
Relating To The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Description
Enacts and enters into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to facilitate telehealth and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across jurisdictional boundaries.

Primary Sponsors
Mike Gabbard

Bill Summary: Enacts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).

Demonstrations, Grants & Pilot Projects (1)
### SB 813

**Title**
Relating To The Department Of Health.

**Description**
Appropriates funds for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of DOH. (SB813 HD1)

**Primary Sponsors**
Roz Baker

**Bill Summary:** Appropriates funds for a telehealth pilot project.

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### HB 1020

**Title**
Relating To Telehealth.

**Description**
Establishes goals for the adoption and proliferation of telehealth to increase health care access. Establishes the Strategic Telehealth Advisory Council and permanent full-time State Telehealth Coordinator position.

**Primary Sponsors**
John Mizuno, Henry Aquino, Romy Cachola, Linda Ichiyama, Nicole Lowen, Joy San Buenaventura, Calvin Say, Gene Ward

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the state Telehealth Advisory Council and State Telehealth Coordinator permanent resources to establish telehealth within Hawaii.

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### HB 1690

**Title**
Relating To Telehealth.

**Description**
Establishes goals for the adoption and proliferation of telehealth to increase health care access. Establishes the State Strategic Telehealth Advisory Council and permanent State Telehealth and Health Care Access Coordinator position. Dissolves the Advisory Council on 7/1/2023. Establishes the Telehealth Administrative Simplification Working Group to research, make recommendations, and report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

**Bill Summary:** Establishes the State Strategic Telehealth Advisory Council and the State Telehealth and Health Care Access Coordinator role to advise the governor on the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan to establish telehealth as a high quality, cost-effective, and reliable means of health care access and make timely recommendations to the governor and the director of health regarding potential sources of federal and private grants, loans, and other sources that may fund the establishment or enhancement of broadband infrastructure in rural areas of Hawaii. Establishes the telehealth administrative simplification working group to research and make recommendations to reduce administrative barriers to telehealth.

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**Regulatory, Licensing & Advisory Boards (3)**
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**Title**
Relating To Health.

**Description**
Clarifies the scope and practice of physician assistants in the State. Amends the Hawaii Medical Board membership to include two physician assistants. Expands bases to revoke or suspend a physician or surgeon’s license. Makes conforming amendments. (HB935 HD1)

**Primary Sponsors**
John Mizuno

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**Title**
Relating To Physician Assistants.

**Description**
Expands the scope of practice of licensed physician assistants in the State.

**Bill Summary:** Clarifies distinction between "telehealth" and "telemedicine." Defines telemedicine. It also clarifies requirements around establishing the physician and physician-assistant patient relationship.

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**Title**
Relating To Health.

**Description**
Allows an advance directive to be a valid written request for a prescription to be self-administered for the purpose of ending an adult’s life. Includes advanced practice registered nurses under the definition of "attending provider". Allows an attending provider to waive the counseling referral requirement. Allows an attending provider to perform duties through telehealth, under certain conditions. Requires health insurance policies and contracts issued after December 31, 2020, to provide coverage for services related to ending a patient’s life.

**Primary Sponsors**
Roz Baker, Karl Rhoads