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The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Hawai'i State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am pleased to share the second printing of our report on "Disparities in Health Status in Hawai'i", for your information and perusal.

I am transmitting for distribution twenty-five (25) copies) of this report, produced by the Department's Office of Health Equity. The report highlights data from several of the Department's annual surveys, the Hawai'i Vital Statistics, the Hawai'i Health Survey, and the Hawai'i Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. The report examines by ethnicity such issues as diabetes, overweight, smoking, regular physical activity, prevalence of mammogram examinations and pap tests, and prevalence of flu shots and pneumococcal vaccinations.

The report paints a vivid picture of areas that need to be addressed to meet the Year 2010 Health Objectives of the nation, to improve Hawai'i's overall health status and to prolong healthy and productive lives. We are sending the report well in advance of the legislative session to give all members the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the information.

We seek your support for these endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce S. Anderson".

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