

To: Rep. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair,
Rep. Karl Rhodes, Vice Chair
And the Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: Ed Chevy, deaf parent of deaf child

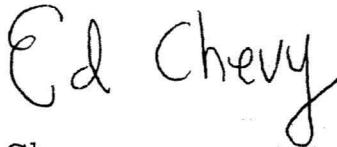
Date: January 21, 2008

Subject: in support of HB 2000 - relating to health insurance coverage for the cost of hearing aids

This letter of support is for having the private insurance companies cover the cost of hearing aids for children with hearing loss. My son, Clyde, who is Deaf is the third generation in the deaf family. He wears two hearing aids. It makes a difference in his life and those that will come after. We need this bill to help our children.

Please support HB 2000 for the future generations of Hawaii's keiki with hearing loss. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Chevy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ed Chevy