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Re: HB2114 Relating to Human Services (requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care. Requires the Department of Human Services to pass funding on to QUEST plans to implement the services. Appropriates funds.)

HB2761 Relating to Women's Health (requires not less than 6 months post-partum and interconception care for women of childbearing age who are participants in the Hawaii QUEST health insurance program. Defines "interconception care." Requires department of human services to adopt rules. Appropriation.)

The Hawaii Medical Association opposes HB2114 and HB2761.

The HMA is concerned that adding additional services to Med-QUEST and Medicaid will increase over all costs of these programs, thereby decreasing access to basic medical care.

In the case of chiropractic care, mandated chiropractic care under the workers compensation system was a major cause of rising costs. If Med-QUEST and Medicaid are required to cover chiropractic services, even fewer specialists will be able to care for these patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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