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**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department appreciates the intent of this bill, but has concerns regarding
2 this proposal, and therefore, respectfully opposes this bill.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill amends HRS Chapter 321 by introducing new language which
5 outlines procedures to remove potentially tainted or adulterated human and/or pet food from commerce.

6 Under HRS Chapter 328, the Department already has the authority to take initiative and to
7 respond to complaints against manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of adulterated food products; the
8 right to enter the premises and to conduct an inspection; the authority to remove tainted or adulterated
9 food products from commerce; and the authority to apply civil and administrative penalties against non-
10 compliant establishments. We find this bill unnecessary.

11 When the Department's Food and Drug Branch receives notification regarding potentially
12 adulterated food products through local sources or through Federal agencies such as the U.S. Food and
13 Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or other appropriate agencies, we will conduct an
14 investigation, and if necessary, issue a statewide recall notice. After the recall notice is sent out,
15 inspectors from the Food and Drug Branch will visit establishments to ensure the product is removed

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1 from sale. However, it is difficult to notify every establishment on every recall, and therefore, we rely
2 on media coverage to inform the public, and by we follow-up on complaints that establishments are still
3 selling recalled products. The Food and Drug Branch is currently working to increase the notification
4 coverage through faxes and emails.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From Animal Rights Hawai'i
Cathy Goeggel, Director, Research and Investigations For House Committee on Health 8:00 am
Wednesday, January 30, 2008
re: HB 2529

Please make 5 copies and deliver to room 436 - Mahalo!

Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

Animal Rights Hawai'i asks that you hear this bill favorably. When the first reports of tainted food reached us, there was very uneven response by the grocery industry to identify and remove recalled product from stores. Indeed, as more and more reports of dangerous foodstuffs became available, it was difficult to know from one day to the next if food was safe. We hope that this bill will codify proper response by our government to ensure that our food supply for us and our companion animals remains safe.

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Hawai'i State House Committee on Health

Representative Josh Green MD, Chair

Representative John Mizuno, Vice Chair

RE: HB2569 Relating to Mental Health, Hearing date: 1-30-2008, 8:00 AM, Rm. 329

Good morning Representatives Green and Mizuno and members of the Committee on Health. I am testifying in favor of SB2569, Relating to Mental Health. I am an adult psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist in private practice here in Honolulu. I sought a position at Bay Clinic in 1997, '98 and '99, seeing the desperate need for mental health services in rural Hawai'i. Funding was not available to support a position such as the one I sought. This bill is very much needed to support the pilot project placing psychiatrists and/or psychiatric mental health APRN-Rx's in the Bay Clinic.

Modern science, such as the evolving field of epigenetics and others, is showing that we cannot be mentally ill and physically healthy at the same time, or vice versa. Our internal environment is just as powerful in creating illness as our external environment. We need to be balancing our efforts as much on the mental and emotional needs of our patients as we do on their physical needs in order to truly promote, maintain and create healthy patients.

If implemented, this bill will have a tremendous impact on the health of the patients of Bay Clinic. Please vote in support of this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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