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HB 2775, HD 1,

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this measure as amended.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown, but the Department of Health will accommodate the salary set by the
3 appointing authority in its budget.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure proposes to amend section 349-2(b), Hawaii Revised
5 Statutes, to have the salary for the Director of the Executive Office on Aging be set by the appointing
6 authority.

7 The Department feels it is in the State's best interest to permit the appointing authority to
8 determine the appropriate compensation for this important position in order to attract and retain highly
9 qualified individuals.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.