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HCR239, HD1

**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO
CONDUCT STUDIES ON THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC
IMPACTS TO THE STATE AND THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF
PROVIDING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AT ALL
FIVE STAGES**

Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau
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Presented to the House Committee on Legislative Management

Thursday, March 27, 2008, 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 423

Chair Magaoay and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on H.C.R. No. 239, H.D. 1. The Bureau takes no position for or against the measure but submits the following comments.

The resolution directs the Legislative Reference Bureau (Bureau) to conduct a study on the potential financial impact to the State and the State's health care system of providing care for patients with chronic kidney disease at all five stages.

As always, if the Legislature wants us to do this study, we will do so to the best of our abilities.

The Resolution also requests the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct the economic analysis needed to determine the impact on the State's economy.

We believe that the assignment of responsibilities under the resolution is appropriate.

If this Resolution is to pass, we request that it do so unamended.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.



St. Francis

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII
A Legacy of Caring for Hawaii's People

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Email: LMGtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: **House Concurrent Resolution 239, HD1 and House Resolution 202, HD1**

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On behalf of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, this testimony is offered in support of House Concurrent Resolution 239, HD1 and House Resolution 202, HD1 Requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to Conduct Studies on the Potential Financial and Economic Impacts to the State and the State's Healthcare System of Providing Care for Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease at All Five Stages.

St. Francis is developing a "Stay Healthy at Home" program to meet the needs of our expanding older adult population and patients of chronic diseases. The goal is to empower both populations to "stay healthy at home" for as long as possible. The studies show that kidney disease affects 20% of our population. The support of the Legislature to increase community awareness and to study the financial and economic impacts of providing care for patients with chronic kidney disease is vital.

We appreciate the support to make a difference. We look forward to halting the growth trend of kidney disease within our state.

Respectfully,

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